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November 1, 1946

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations
Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arnold:

Enclosed please find letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

November 1, 1946

Miss Jimmie Lee Jones, Secretary
Chicago "ouncil for a Permanent FEPC
3734 Prairie
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Jimmie Lee;

Just a word to thank you for your letter with check for two hundred dollars for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I certainly appreciate this because we are desperately in need of funds to pay bills. We are making plans now to wage our campaign to secure the enactment of FEPC legislation in the next Congress.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ba

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Oct. 29, 1946

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I hope this note and enclosure arrives at your office before you return from the South.

My delay is due to my having a difficult time seeing Mr. Knight, whose office hours seem to end at the time ~~when~~ I was free to leave school — and this condition coupled with his being out of town for two days, slowed up the sending of the check. However, it is available at last for the National office.

Don't ever feel that I shall break faith with you in any matter — Please believe me.

Hoping to see you about the middle of November,

I am, as ever
Jimmie Lee

November 6, 1946

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
386 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arnold:

Find enclosed letter that is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC
Kansas Council

November 30, 1946

Mr. Arnold Aaronson
National Community Relations
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Dear Arny:

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC
Kansas Local

November 20, 1946

Mr. C. A. Franklin, Editor
The Kansas City Call
1715 East 18 Street
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Franklin:

Thanks a lot for your letter of November 15th. I am glad that the Negroes beat Slaughter. It was a lesson to him and other politicians that Negroes won't stand to be pushed around forever without fighting back.

I am sending under separate cover material on the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I will also have a copy of the New York State Bill sent to you. Find enclosed copy of the Bill we had introduced in the last Congress.

Relative to Senator Taft may I say he had a Bill which was unacceptable because of its structure and weak enforcement features. In my talks with him from time to time I can say that he manifested increasing interest in Federal legislation for an FEPC. We plan to have a Committee wait on the Republican senators including Senator Taft and also the Congressmen as a part of our campaign to get FEPC legislation through the next Congress. I will keep you informed with respect to developments.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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November 13, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street--Room 301
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

As you see by the enclosed tear sheet, we finished the job--we beat Slaughter in August and we stood by the man who won the primary, when the general election came. We have definitely written into American politics that Negroes have the wit and the will to punish pledge breakers.

Two things: (1) Send me some of your explanatory literature on the FEPC. I am particularly interested in seeing how far it undertakes to regulate private business. (2) Tell me how far the New York state law goes in regulating private business.

Send me a copy of your FEPC bill. Has Senator Taft a bill differently worded? Tell me about it and about him.

Trusting you are well, I am

Yours truly,

C. A. Franklin

C. A. Franklin, Editor
THE KANSAS CITY CALL

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November 21, 1946

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Arny:

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory. We might discuss them when we meet again at our Administrative Committee meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 10, 1946

Mr. I. Agree
Executive Director
National Dress
Manufacturers Association
1450 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Agree:

On behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC and myself personally, may I take this opportunity of extending to you my heartfelt appreciation for your genuine interest in the great cause of securing legislation which will open the channels of employment to everyone regardless of race, color, or creed. There can be no real democracy until the rights of all minority groups are fully safeguarded. It was most encouraging to myself and my colleagues to receive, on behalf of your organization, your pledge of moral and financial support. Our conference under the far-sighted chairmanship of Mr. Harry Uviller has set a standard for sincere and substantial action which we hope other groups will emulate.

If in any way our organization or its personnel can be of any service in assisting you in raising funds or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office - 217 West 125th Street, Monument 2-5080 - or in my absence Mr. Max Delson who is the Chairman of our Administrative Committee - 270 Broadway, Barclay 7-0988.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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Jan. 11, 1946.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

We would like to have you and Mr. Webster come to us in New Orleans for Sunday, March 31, if that date is satisfactory to you. The Council has chosen it because it is after Mardi Gras and isthe fifth Sunday in the month, therefore apt to be freer from other engagements.

We were very sorry to hear of your illness and hope your health is fully regained.

Sincerely yours,

Mary B. Allen

Mary B. Allen
Secretary.

January 14, 1946

Miss Mary B. Allen, Secretary
New Orleans Council for a
Permanent FEPC
2326 Willow Street
New Orleans, 15, La.

Dear Miss Allen:

Mr. Randolph asked me to write and let you know that he will contact Mr. Webster and have him come to New Orleans on Januar 31st for the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Alves, Secretary to
A. Philip Randolph

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January 17, 1946

Miss Mary B. Allen, Secretary
New Orleans Council for a
Permanent FEPC
6925 Willow Street
New Orleans, 15, La.

Dear Miss Allen:

I am back in the office after a seige of the flu. I want to confirm the letter from my Secretary, Miss Alves, to say that Brother Webster and myself will be glad to come to New Orleans, Sunday, March 31st for FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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6926 Willow St.
New Orleans 15, La.

Jan. 17, 1946.

Miss Hazel Alwes
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Alwes:

Your letter of January 14 came today, with the information that Mr. Randolph would contact Mr. Webster to come for a January 31st meeting in New Orleans.

This, I trust, is a typographical error, since in my letter of January 11 I spoke of March 31st. Last fall the New Orleans Council for a Permanent FEPC wrote Mr. Randolph about a January date, but since his illness we have been planning on March.

Will you please let us have a reply confirming this correction, so that we shall be sure that Mr. Randolph understands, and also please check with Mr. Webster? I am sorry that the misunderstanding arose.

Sincerely yours,

Mary B. Allen

Mary B. Allen, Corresponding Sec'y
New Orleans Council for a Permanent
FEPC.

NC—FEPC
New Orleans Local

January 19, 1946

Miss Mary B. Allen
New Orleans Council for a Permanent FEPC
6828 Willow Street
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Miss Allen:

I have checked with Mr. Randolph and March 21st is acceptable to him. He will contact Mr. Webster and let him know the date. I am very sorry for the oversight. You will probably receive another letter from him before you get this one confirming the January 21st date which you can overlook.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Alves, Secretary

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Mr. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St.
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed is the clipping from the New Orleans Times-Picayune with the interview of Senator Barkley. Belle Douglas suggested that I send it to you. We were pleasantly surprised at the Picayune's giving it this form, considering the paper's ardent opposition to S.101. The editor has even placed adverse comment after a letter of ours published in its column. I enclose that letter also as a sample. (The letter itself was changed and contracted by the editor.)

We are looking forward eagerly to your and Mr. Webster's visit to us on March 31. We shall try to have a very successful mass meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary B. Allen

Mary B. Allen

New Orleans Times-Picayune, Wed, Feb 13
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SENATOR ALBEN BARKLEY

BARKLEY CALLS FEPC BILL FAIR

Senator Stops in City on Way to Houston

BY HOWARD JACOBS

They beat his FEPC cloture [illegible] on the Senate floor by six [illegible], but their [illegible] failed to [illegible] the [illegible] of Senator [illegible] W. [illegible]

The [illegible] Kentucky lawmaker [illegible] Eastern Air Lines [illegible] airport early [illegible] and delivered [illegible] on the [illegible] practices [illegible]

"I [illegible] with emphasis [illegible] reasonably [illegible] to draft a [illegible] regardless of race or [illegible] turn around and [illegible] to protect him against discrimination in business."

"What about the argument that it's impossible to legislate against hate and prejudice?" he was asked.

"It's quite true," he conceded, "that you cannot rule those things out of men's hearts. But you can mollify them, and I firmly believe that the enactment of the FEPC would have been a great step in that direction. I'm not advocating a law to enforce social equality, as some of my opponents claimed. I simply believe in the humanitarian principle that every man should have his right to earn a living protected."

The Senate majority leader was en route to Houston, "to make a couple of speeches."

Before the Senate since January 17, the FEPC bill was laid aside indefinitely Saturday when the cloture motion to shut off filibustering failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority.

The genial, silver-maned solon, who boarded the Washington plane Tuesday morning, was wearing his broad-brimmed plainsman's hat in deference to his Texas hosts. He strolled about the airport here while the plane was refuelling.

"What do you think about the labor situation?" Senator Barkley was asked.

"Well, I'll tell you—," said he, his brow furrowed.

At this moment a flight officer walked up briskly to notify the senator that his plane was taking off.

Senator Barkley shook hands rapidly around and dashed for the plane. The expression of obvious relief on his face was like that of a schoolboy whom the recess bell has just saved from answering an embarrassing question.

New Orleans
Council FEPC

March 8, 1946

Miss Mary B. Allen
6626 Willow Street
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Miss Allen:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 17th with clipping on FEPC. I have read it with interest.

It was a pleasure to see you in Washington in attendance at the Emergency Strategy Conference for FEPC. I think it was a great success. We shall go forth now to wage a relentless battle for the victory of FEPC.

I shall look forward to seeing you in New Orleans for the meeting March 21st. Kindly remember me to all the officers and members of the council.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 11, 1946

Mrs. Ann Arnold Hedgeman
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hedgeman:

I received the enclosed letter today. Mr. Randolph has asked me to forward it to you for answering.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Alves
Secretary

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March 1, 1946.

Mrs. Frieda Louise Andrews
311 West 120th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

I am sure the warm and hearty reception you and your choir received at the Madison Square Garden was proof of the magnificent contribution you made to our meeting.

I would like to know who wrote the words of the FEPC song and hope that you can send me a copy of them with the music. It certainly should be sung at every meeting we hold, and I only wish that you and your choir, 1000 strong, could sing at every meeting. It is not only the fine quality of your singing which should make you very proud and happy, but also the fine demonstration in inter-faith cooperation that you have achieved in your choir.

I want you to know also that we appreciated the fine cooperation of the choir in assisting in the sale of tickets for the meeting.

We shall call on you again, and we hope that you will be as ready to cooperate as you were this time, and after last night's meeting I imagine you will have a very full schedule!

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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NC-FEPC
Kansas City Mo. Local

January 4, 1946

Miss Bobbie Arnold
2221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Bobbie:

I guess you are right I did not stay in long enough to get rid of the cold and had to go back to bed but I am feeling better. I was glad to see you in Topeka. I am glad you liked the talk.

Now our meeting in St. Louis was not very successful. Some of the people claimed that the sudden cold snap hit the meeting but I don't think enough work was done on it.

As for who decided to cut the Regional Offices to three, may I say that I think Congress had something to do with it. As to how long these three will operate is a question which is hard to answer.

I hope you are well and enjoying a happy new year. They told me you sent in five hundred dollars. I appreciate this immensely.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Dear Philip:

Sorry I could not be in St. Louis. The Flue had me.

Hope the meeting was a great success. Hope the attendance and finance were all you desired.

This letter should find you resting at home. You were taking chances with the cold you had when in Topeka. Hope you have recovered.

It is possible we may meet in Chicago. The meeting I should like to attend is the one in Madison Square. That would be a treat for me.

Bishop Gregg told me of his invitation to be with you in Chicago and I am glad he could accept.

There are two bits of information we should like to have.

1. Who decided to cut the number of Regional offices to three?
2. How long do you think the remaining three will be operated?

The weather which may have interfered with your meeting in St. Louis has grown steadily worse. The snow has been falling for two days and the temperature has kept it there.

We are headed for "White Christmas."

If you have a list of the meetings, would like a copy. We should like to follow their progress.

You were better than usual in Topeka. Pure reason which was presented so all present could follow you. Passed some of it out to a group here Saturday night

If anything develops which we can help with, let us know.

Mailed the $500.00.
Sorry it could not be more.

Sincerely
Bobbie

Dec. 18, 1945

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February 19, 1946

Dear Philip:

Have been worried over your physical condition. Bishop Gregg said you were not yet well. While the activities need and desire your personal attention, it seems that this is an ideal time for you to drop everything and go for a long rest and remain there until you overcome your present condition.

Regret very much not seeing you in Chicago but after the Washington conference was called, our Council could not bear the expense of both and the latter seemed more beneficial. It will be necessary for us to travel by air to reach the meeting but we have been on the waiting list for reservation since we knew about it and sincerely hope we may get clearance.

Hope the Chicago meeting was all that you had hoped and expected from it.

We are not in the least discouraged out here. The courage of the people is something to behold. There was much work to be done here in preparation for the Conference and we have been quite busy at that. Had a meeting Sunday to select delegate and complete plans. We also had a very good discussion.

Hope this letter finds you better. As much as we need to counsel with you, unless your health is completely restored, would rather not see you in Washington.

Sincerely

Bobby

KC-FEPC
Kansas

February 27, 1946

Miss Bobby Arnold
Kansas City Council for a
Permanent FEPC
2221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Bobby:

It was good to see you in Washington. You made a real contribution to the conference. You always speak with clarity and force and sincerity. It was a pleasure to be able to take you to dinner.

I hope that you will arouse the people in Kansas City to a new determination to fight on until victory is won.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC
Kansas City

March 2, 1946

Dear Philip:

Was glad to get your letter. Am always glad to hear from you. I thank you for taking me to dinner.

I do not need to arouse the people here. They are already aroused. You do not know the great faith the people have in you. As long as you lead and I and the other Council chairman, take a clear message of your leadership to the people, they will follow.

The people, Black and White, to whom a Walter White would be congenial have always doubted and wavered and been ready to run, but not the people whom I mean. As a result of the stand of the ordinary folk, Mr. White's friends here must go along.

We are having our report meeting in what is now the largest as well as the newest Negro Church in the City. One reason for doing this is that this minister is with us and I want to strengthen him in the work. He has a great following and he is an honest and sincere man.

George M. Houser will be in K. C. on the date we are having our meeting and we have invited him to appear on the program.

Wish me luck and keep faith. We will make it if we work hard enough.

Mr. C. R. Walton, 2720 Highland Avenue, K. C. 3, Mo. Brotherhood Vice-President lost his wife while we were in Washington.

Sincerely

Bobby

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April 2, 1946

Dear Philip:

The New York meeting was a great success according to all the reports we have had. Congratulations to you and all those who worked to make it so.

We are forming a closed corporation to build new houses for Negroes. We have a very good state law under which we shall operate and we are expecting the Eleanor-Taft Bill to become law and thereby improve the conditions under which we build.

We hope to aid in solving several problems by the building program.

First, provide Negroes with much needed new houses.

Second, provide employment for many skilled workers. We plan to ask the craft unions to accept these workmen on the basis that they will be employed for the next 5 or 6 years without competing for jobs which white union members now have.

Third, we expect to inspire young Negroes to develop management and control of industry on a scale which will become a contributing factor in the integration of Negroes in the whole national life.

The people who form the corporation will absorb all the common stock. We may offer preferred stock on the market later when we have been operating for a time.

We would be in a much better position and could advance more rapidly if we could get some individual or organization to lend us ten or fifteen thousand dollars to add to what we have for beginning business. This sum could be invested in stock or could be a loan. If the Federal Government is willing to guarantee 90%, we ought to have individuals who would invest 5% in new construction.

Our City Manager tells me he has interested a New York Insurance Co. in putting capital into building here and that if they do, part of it will be used for Negroes. He says that is the terms under which they invest in any locality. Will have a conference with him later in the week on this matter. We would rather not resort to this Company unless we are forced to do so.

Do you think the proposition is sound enough for you to consider using some of the money which you say you do not need and which you have been giving away to invest in this enterprise? It is a good investment. If we meet federal requirements, you know it is sound.

Sincerely yours

Bobby

NC-FEPC
Kansas Local

April 11, 1946

Miss Bobbie Arnold
2221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City 8, Mo.

Dear Bobbie:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of April 2nd suggesting that plans are underway to develop housing for Negroes under the Ellender-Taft Bill. I do not know very much about the plan you suggest and I am not prepared to pass judgment on it. The Brotherhood however would not be interested and in fact it could not invest any money in a profit making venture. I hope you may be able to work out your program. If there is any one thing Negroes need it is housing on a low cost basis. I should like to see cooperative housing developed, I think it can be done.

Yes we did have a great meeting in Madison Square Garden for FEPC. It is probably one of the greatest meetings New York has ever seen.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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April 24

Dear Philip:

Received your letter. Glad you have had another successful meeting.

Thought we might have heard more of the March. We shall have to be governed by your decision in this matter. There is little that we can contribute at that point. As I see it, however, there are two things to consider.

1. A March this summer may serve to electrify the Negro vote to achieve certain objectives as to specific Congressmen who are up for election.

2. The March, if held later, after the new Congress takes its seat, may be used to secure the actual passage of the Bill.

There seems to be little hope of getting the bills reconsidered by Congress before the summer elections and there is no reason to believe they will pass them before the new body takes its place.

George Weaver was in Kansas City a little over a week ago and I can see indications why there is not much enthusiasm in the National Office for the March.

I think the results obtained already prove the validity of the idea. Whether it has served the only purpose it is fitted for is a question we are not in a position to decide.

You have rejected my idea again but I am not in the least discouraged. You will hear more of the matter.

You, in the East, may not have seen it yet but there is evidence that white people are turning their backs upon our economic struggles. They have decided that if we are going to contend for them to move over and give us equality, they will not provide the funds for us to push them on. With this decision it becomes necessary for all the institutions among Negroes to assume more and more of our economic ventures. The wealth which Negroes have accumulated in insurance companies and labor unions is going to be forced into support of the whole else these institutions will go down with the body politic as white controlled capital vanishes.

Will be able to write you some detailed plans of our operations here shortly.

Sincerely
Betty

KC - FEPC
Kansas Council

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April 24

Dear Philip:

Thank you for remembering to drop us a line.

We have attempted to re-examine our position here in Missouri and Kansas and in the Nation in the light of recent events. We are not discouraged, but we are trying to realize the changes which exist in our position.

We believe President Truman will sign the Bill if it is laid on his desk, and be happy to do so. We do not feel that we can depend upon him for any very strong, aggressive work in its behalf. It should be clear to each Negro that we are in the position which you have maintained all along--that it depends upon how much we put behind, before and around FEPC as to what its fate will be.

The Kansas situation convinces me that we have scarcely scratched the surface. Almost daily we talk with people who know nothing of the Bill not to mention giving it any support. Among those who are sufficiently intelligent to read about it and to know what it is, there is surprising indifference. We simply are not stirred concerning the situation as we are when Duke comes to town. How to reach them and awaken seems so difficult that one wonders if the effort is worth while.

You said you can't bluff white people and we say, you can't fool them. They know of the great amount of indifference that exists among us. Slaughter has been putting out some feelers here. He is our Congressman who is on the Rules Committee. How I should have liked for his feelers to have burned to crisp in his hands, but I can only hope they did not remain ice-cold.

We have Senator Briggs in K. C. today and we are doing what we can to keep him where he is. We hope he does not get informed as to the great numbers of Negroes who do not know what FEPC is.

We can cling to the fact, and attempt to have influential whites accept it, that although the people may not realize their condition, the situation will be just as dangerous if left alone as if they knew all about it.

We have leared that we have 15 major war industires in Greater K. C. employing about 7,800 Negroes. That of these 15 industries 4 are of the type that will be eliminated or virtually so when the war is over. That 6,000 of the employed Negroes work in these 4 industries. Where will we be when these plants close.

We are making progress, but entirely to slowly.

We have the ear of aggressive leadership in the community. The K. C. Star is writing some of the best Editorials and they are having effect on the pattern of thinking. We wonder if there will be time enough in which to work it out.

We cannot understand what has held the bill in the Rules Committee so long. It would seem that, even though some of the members are absent the Committee would report. We tried to talk with Mr. Slaughter in Washington last Sunday but he was not there. He arrived in K. C. Saturday but was not in his office. We do not know where he is at present but will contact him again at the earliest possible time.

We realize that many changes may take place. With the removal of President Roosevelt, who issued the order and who was the leader of the Party, persons who felt obligated to support the program he sponsored may have different ideas now. We realize the entire set-up may change. We should like to be informed as to any evidence you may secure as to who is going to be the dominant factor in Washington and the Democratic Party now. We are trying to see if there is any change in our Congressmen. Senator Donnell has told the Washington Office that he has had little communication on the Bill outside Kansas City.

We are trying to get some of the smaller towns out State to write and we hope you left sufficient energy in St. Louis to get a great deal of action from there. Donnell is from Webster Groves and he should get the major part of his communication from St. Louis.

We plan to send a delegation to Washington when the office deems it most needed. We are working on it now. Hope to have a Jew, a labor worker, a Negro and a white person if possible.

We have been invited By one of the best Rabbi's in the City to send speakers to Jewish organizations in their regular meetings to explain the Bill and discuss its effect on the life of the people. He says there is much that needs to be done among Jews in that respect. I felt like telling him the Jews were not alone in that. ~~respect~~.

In the light of what has happened Nationally and the progress of the War together with conditions here, I wonder if you would be interested in having the conference which we discussed? If you are and you are in St. Louis, Chicago or even nearer in this vicinity during the month of May, let me know and I shall attempt to see you then.

Am going to Wichita, Kansas Saturday to be with them when they set up a Council.

We have given the article in Look to our Newspapers and suggested that they write editorials, not in words, but we hope the way in which it was presented gave them the idea. We asked Mr. Franklin to do so. Will send you copies of some of the Star Editorials later.

We gave Senator Briggs a copy of Look and copies of editorials. Have sent out messages to people to buy the magazine. We have several copies which we are circulating. Also mailing copies to Representative Slaughter if he has left the city.

We had a glowing report of your meeting in St. Louis. Also heard of the grand success you had in Texas. Congratulations and more power to you.

Wednesday:

It was Tuesday that the previous pages were written but as it did not get in the mail, am adding to it.

Just now we are feeling quite elated. That is largely because of the comparison with what we felt earlier.

After finishing up here at school yesterday about 5:30, we went to work to get a conference with Senator Briggs. The Senator said he would see a delegation this morning in his hotel. Last night we telephone until after mid-night securing the delegation. One of the last persons called, a white man, wanted to know where I was going to meet them. When informed that I was not coming, he thought they had better not go but we convinced him that what was needed was the idea and not any particular individual.

We want to be feeling the job was well organized. This morning just checking to tie up loose ends, we discovered that neither Mr. Webster nor Mr. Johnson, President of the N. A. A. C. P. would take the responsibility of checking with the Senator and notifying the delegation just what time to meet and where. They said if I did that they would be willing to go. For a while, there seemed no way out.

Realizing it would have been better not to have asked for the hearing than to fail after having been granted one, we got a hand full of nickels and went in the pay telephone booth and started work. The Senator said he would be available at 10:45. We called Mr. White, the man who presided the last time you were here and were successful in getting him to take hold of the delegation. Another white man, a down town lawyer said we could meet in his office which is near the hotel where the Senator was staying, and the delegation was on its feet again. We had three Negroes: Mrs. Hayden, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Webster and two whites, Mr. Cohen and Mr. White. They had a fine interview and Senator Briggs said he would vote yes on every issue concerned with the legislation and would do all he could to get it passed.

He said it was his opinion that we could not avoid a filibuster and that it would be very difficult to break. We did not tell him your plan to break it. Am not sure anyone in the delegation knew what it is. But the "day was saved" and Senator Briggs will return to Washington with the conviction that the people here are concerned about the measure.

If Senator Donnell comes home, we will try to have a delegation see him and we hope for equal success.

The main point of this letter, aside from answering yours, must not get lost. That is YOUR SCHEDULE.

Sincerely

Bobbie

NC-FEPC
Kansas City
local Council FEPC

May 7, 1946

Miss Bobbie Arnold
Kansas City Council for
A Permanent FEPC
2221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Bobbie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of April 24th. Yes the organizations cooperating with the National Council turned down the idea of a March On Washington and I agreed to accept the verdict since I set up the National Council and did not want to disrupt it by developing a March in spite of it. The CIO opposed the idea. Weaver expressed the CIO views.

I think your observations on the cooperation of some of our liberal friends to help the Negro secure his economic rights in the face of a real fight is quite sound. I received your telegram concerning Mr. Walsh carrying the fight against Congressman Slaughter. I am glad to hear of this. Slaughter must be defeated.

Sincerely yours,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC
Kansas City Council

July 10, 1946

Mrs. R. E. Arnold
Chairman, Kansas City, FEPC Council
221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Bobbie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 29th with enclosure concerning the debate on FEPC and OPA to be held sometime in August. May I say that I am pretty well tied up in August and wouldn't be able to come out for the meeting. Therefore, I guess I will have to pass this great opportunity up to put in a plug for FEPC and against reaction, but sometime in the fall, I will be available, although that will be too late for campaign purposes.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 29

Dear Phillip:

Am sending you this note because I don't have time to write you in detail.

Hope at this time you are having some success with the trouble that has arisen in the Railroad Industry. Best of luck to you.

While you have been having your troubles, we have had ours. That is one reason why I have not written. Could not report anything encouraging and was too busy trying to produce something good.

We have at last, made headway. We seem to be taking shape and although we are about two months behind schedule, we shall give Mr. Slaughter a very tough race.

If you have not heard from Mr. Perrin D. McElroy or someone in the AFL concerning a trip here you will hear from them soon.

We have no recommendation to make concerning the invitation which they will extend. At least not until you ask us; but we are working together in the fight. AFL is supporting our fight to defeat Slaughter, we realize they are not doing it for us but for what Slaughter has done to labor while he was blocking us at the same time. We are still happy to have their cooperation and together we may swing it.

Mr. McElroy knows of the suggestion contained in this inclosure. What do you think of the idea and would you come? If we have your permission, we will mail the challenge.

Will write you in detail when there is time. We have an office and we have a set-up for our campaign. We do not have but a little money but we have learned how to do a lot on a little. Wish us luck for we need it.

Sincerely
Bobbie

re — FEPC — Kansas City Council

August 26, 1946

Mrs. Bobbie Arnold
Kansas City Local Council for a Permanent FEPC
2221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Bobbie:

Just a word to say that because of the lack of funds, we have had to dismiss the staff of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, with the exception of two persons. We are in debt to this staff to the extent of some six thousand dollars. We are in the process of raising the money to pay them.

Won't you kindly send us all the money that you can so that we may be able to make a part payment on the salary due them? I am sure you will appreciate the importance of this matter.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 9, 1946

Dear Philip:

I hope this letter finds you in Chicago, if not may it catch up with you soon.

We had hoped to send you some money on the back salary which you wrote about, but our campaign against Slaughter has prevented our doing so.

We are going to attend the conference in Chcago and the card has not been sent for we do not yet know how many will be able to be there. We want two persons and three if possible.

I will be there, even if I bear all my expense. Am anxious to know how you plan to continue the work. We have evidence of strength and determination to carry on every day.

Best wishes to you and I hope to see you in Chicago next week.

Sincerely

Bobbie

NC-FEPC
Kansas Council

November 9, 1946

Miss Bobbie Arnold
2221 Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Bobbie:

If you plan to attend the December 7th meeting of MOWM in New York I will have a chance to talk with you.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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GEO. S. ELLISON, ACTING PRINCIPAL GIRARD T. BRYANT, VICE-PRINCIPAL CAROLYN E. BRYDIE, COUNSELOR

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
KANSAS CITY 8, MISSOURI

NC-FEPC Kansas City Council –

Dear Philip:

Received all your cards for which I am grateful. Glad to know that your have been meeting with success.

For the meeting here in Kansas City, could you make it the first Sunday in November which is the 3? My reason for giving this date is to have it before our general election. If another date is more convenient, please let us know.

The Primary is over and Slaughter is defeated as you know. Would have wired you but thought you were still in Canada and sent the message to Mr. Webster whom I felt sure would be talking to you during the day.

Am glad that you have decided to operate FEPC from your New York office as this should cut much expense from the operation and should make for a better program in keeping the coordination with your plans is concerned.

We are still evaluating the situation here and as yet am unable to give you a sound statement as to reaction. There will be a lot of hard work to do but we realized that from the beginning and there will be hard work to do until the job is complete.

I cannot express any honest regret that Ann is no longer with the Council although I suppose I should. Would appreciate any information you may be willing to give as to plans.

WHEN THIS LETTER REACHES YOU, COULD YOU CALL ME

in the evening at Harrison 0577

I would call you if I knew where you are.

Will write you in detail concerning the election and condition of our Council as soon as we have a clearer picture of events and know more definitely what we can expect. We know there is no loss of interest in FEPC. We are not sure just what direction we should take.

Sincerely

Bobby

August 21

GEO. S. ELLISON, ACTING PRINCIPAL GIRARD T. BRYANT, VICE-PRINCIPAL CAROLYN E. BRYDIE, COUNSELOR

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
KANSAS CITY 8, MISSOURI

October 31, 1946

Dear Philip:

I hope you have completely recovered your health.

I should like to sit down and talk with you, at length, concerning the "Cross-Roads" of the present. It might do some good, it could not possibly do any harm. You are in a position to hear many things which have been drowned in the humm of recent months.

You always have my best wishes and best efforts for the success of your program.

Attended Senator Pepper's dinner held in K. C. last night.

Sincerely
Bobbie

March 1, 1943.

Mr. Roger Baldwin
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Roger:

That was a grand job you did for us at the Rally and I want you to know how much I appreciated it. It is always a difficult task, but you never make it seem that way.

We do not yet have a final tally of the pledges and money collected. When we do, I will drop you another note.

With best wishes as always, and many thanks,

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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44 Wall Street
New York 5, N.Y.
February 16, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
2084 Seventh Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Some time ago someone whose name I do not remember called me on the phone and asked me if I would permit my name to be used as a sponsor for the Madison Square F.E.P.C. rally on February 28th. I said that I would and put the date and place on my diary for the evening of the 28th. Under date of January 28th a letter signed with Mr. Wm. Jay Schieffelin's signature was received by me informing me that a New York Council for a permanent FEPC was being set up and asking me to join him in sponsoring the council, and on January 30th I wrote him that I would, to which he replied on January 31st thanking me and asking me to attend a meeting at Mrs. Buttenweiser's on February 7th at 4:30 o'clock, which meeting I intended to attend but found on the morning of that day that I could not. I telephoned my regrets to Mrs. Buttenweiser advising her of the reason why I could not come. I was especially sorry to have to do this because Mr. Schieffelin's letter informed me that you, having just returned from a tour of the areas of racial tension, and Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman who was coming from Washington to report on the last minute developments in Congress, would speak. Under date of February 13th I received a letter from Mr. Schieffelin referring to the rally. The letter was evidently sent to members of the sponsors committee. However, when your letter of February 5th came it was evident that the telephone invitation I received was not meant for me but for William Rose Benet, as my name does not appear in the list of sponsors on the back of the letter, and his does. I regret that I accepted the invitation in error. However, I must say that I had grounds for believing that it was I who was intended.

I have been against discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin for forty years. I was against it when I represented Harlem and Washington Heights in the House of Representatives between

1905 and 1911 and introduced legislation. When I was a candidate for Congress in February 1944 you asked me to send you copies of this legislation, which I did, and I am told that you read it at a meeting in Harlem. I was not présent at the meeting. As a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1938 I supported the Civil Rights Section (Sec. 11, Article I) which made the constitutionality of the Law against Discrimination beyond question. In March 1944 I called a meeting of leading citizens of Harlem, you being amongst those invited, although you did not come, and the matter principally discussed was the discrimination against colored men in the armed services. But the entire question of discrimination wastouched on.

During that time I had the privilege of going to Washington several times at my own expense to protest against the planned dropping of colored second lieutenants back to the ranks and was successful in saving Lt. Byron P. Marshall and five others from that fate. After the Legislature had appointed a committee to hold hearings in relation to what was at that time referred to as a "Fair Employment" bill, which subsequently became the Ives-Quinn bill, I was chosen by the Federal Bar Association of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to appear before that committee when it held hearings in New York City and advocate the passage of some such bill as had already been drafted and made public. Incidentally, the Federal Bar Assn. was the only Manhattan bar association which appeared in favor of the bill and I was told at the time of the hearing that I was representing the only bar association which had appeared at any of the hearings. Later, as a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York I was present at the largely attended meeting at which a close vote was had on the question of approving the Ives-Quinn bill. I spoke in favor of approving the bill and some of those who heard me were kind enough to say to me afterwards that I made a forceful and effective speech. I have been attempting to get the State Bar Association, of which I am a member, now that the law is a proved success, to adopt a resolution in effect reversing the action which they took at the time the bill was being considered, when,,through their executive committee, they led the opposition.

I might add that without any request from me and somewhat against my wishes, the Federal Bar Assn. asked Governor Dewey to appoint me a member of the Commission. I did not join in the request.

You can see from this recital that I was not surprised to be invited to be a sponsor of the February 28th meeting. I am not at all hurt or offended that I was not invited and that the invitation was evidently meant for William Rose Benet. If I may express one additional word. A movement such as this ought to be omni-partisan. I notice in your list of sponsors two prominent Republicans, Helen Hayes and Stanley Mr. Isaacs, and William Jay Schieffelin is a life-long Republican. I also notice three prominent Democrats - Hon. Charles Poletti, Hon. Irwin D. Davidson and William T. Andrews. Possibly I should add Dr. Stephen S. Wise, although he of course would be on regardless of politics because of his standing amongst the Jewish people. Doubtless there are other Republicans and Democrats but I don't identify them. It is not difficult to notice the names of those who are members of either the American Labor or Liberal parties and I think in a rather disproportionate number. It would be extremely unfortunate if this movement should get a political tinge of any kind.

I would not have troubled to have written such a long letter in relation to this matter except for the fact that apparently this meeting is to form a permanent FEPC committee. I am firmly of the belief that in the formation of a permanent committee Democrats and Republicans ought not to be omitted. And this, whether the scope of the committee is to be city-wide, state-wide or national. After all, some 45 or 46 million citizens in 1944 voted in those two parties.

Very truly yours,

William S. Bennet

NY Council
FEPC

February 27, 1946

Mr. William S. Bennet
44 Wall Street
New York 5, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of February 18th concerning the Madison Square Garden Rally February 28th. I am indeed sorry that you were not requested to serve as a sponsor of the New York Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission and also to support the Madison Square Garden Rally. I did not supervise the selection of the persons who were requested to serve as sponsor. Having known of your long support of and fight for racial justice, I certainly would have included you among the persons.

Now we have taken great pains to see to it that the movement is non-partisan and that it is especially free from Communists. We have Democrats and Republicans on it in large numbers. Our honorary chairmen are Senators Robert F. Wagner and Arthur Capper of New York and Kansas respectively. Since this is a continuing fight over a period of time, I assure you that we will be calling upon you for your cooperation.

Very sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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February 19, 1946

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I am certain that the plans for the meeting of February 28th are going along encouragingly. This is a time when so many people are keen on the ferment in the social structure that it would not be too dificult to arouse them to participate in the performance of their duty.

I am well aware of the fact that I am co-chairman of this meeting in Madison Square Garden, and it has my unqualified support. Unfortunately, I find that I have to be in Atlanta, Georgia from February 25th to March 4th. This makes it of course impossible for me to be at the meeting. This I regret exceedingly because I wanted to have a share in the spirit that I am sure will be abroad that evening. I pray God's spirit will still that whole assembly and give them a united front against the entrenched interests that make for reaction, bigotry, discrimination, and finally , all the social ills that are attendant under unemployment and economic insecurity.

Very faithfully yours,

Shelton Hale Bishop

SHELTON HALE BISHOP
Rector

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NY Council FEPC

March 6, 1946

Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop
Saint Philip's Parish House
215 West 133rd Street
New York 30, N. Y.

Dear Rev. Bishop:

Permit me to thank you for your encouraging letter of February 19th expressing your interest in the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally, February 28th, but indicating that other commitments prevent your attending the meeting.

Permit me to say also that I greatly enjoyed your statement in THE AMSTERDAM STAR NEWS concerning the school situation in Harlem. It was timely, informative and helful.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Madison
Square Garden
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January 8, 1946

Mrs. Mary Blanchard
37 West 56th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mary:

The New York Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee is planning a Madison Square Garden Rally, February 28th. We have set up a Planning Committee to do the job. I would like you to join the Planning Committee. It meets every Thursday at the Labor Temple. There are many things that the Planning Committee would like to have you do that will be helpful to the Rally.

Kindly let me know whether you can help us.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 10, 1946

Mr. Nat Boriskin
President
United Popular Dress
Manufacturers Association
450 Seventh Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Boriskin:

On behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC and myself personally, may I take this opportunity of extending to you my heartfelt appreciation for your genuine interest in the great cause of securing legislation which will open the channels of employment to everyone regardless of race, color, or creed. There can be no real democracy until the rights of all minority groups are fully safeguarded. It was most encouraging to myself and my colleagues to receive, on behalf of your organization, your pledge of moral and financial support. Our conference under the far-sighted chairmanship of Mr. Harry Uviller has set a standard for sincere and substantial action which we hope other groups will emulate.

If in any way our organization or its personnel can be of any service in assisting you in raising funds or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office - 217 West 125th Street, Monument 2-5080 - or in my absence Mr. Max Delson who is the chairman of our Administrative Committee - 270 Broadway, Barclay 700988.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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January 8, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.
930 F. Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I have your letter of December 21 telling me of your meetings in the middle west and announcing your meeting on January 3. It was not possible for me to attend as we do not have funds which take care of the many meetings which are being called by different organizations sponsoring movements in which we are very much interested.

I note you say you were in Wichita and Topeka, Kansas. Inasmuch as Kansas has always been my home I should like very much to know what kind of reception you met with and if you were promised support.

Sincerely yours,

Linna E Bresette
Linna E. Bresette
Field Secretary

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January 26, 1946

Miss Linna E. Bresette
Field Secretary
National Catholic Welfare Conference
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Bresette:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of January 8th suggesting that it was not possible for you to attend the meeting of January 3rd. I can understand how busy you are and you cannot attend very many of the meetings.

Relative to Wichita and Topeka where we held meetings for FEPC may I say the response was most commendable. We have splendid National Council locals in both cities and we are doing a good job.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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YOUR WIRE TO MR MURRAY REGARDING DELEGATION TO VISIT WHITE HOUSE SEPTEMBER 12 WITH RESPECT TO PERMANENT FEPC LEGISLATION REFERRED TO ME. MR MURRAY NOT AVAILABLE BUT I SHALL BE GLAD TO SERVE FOR CIO

= JOHN BROPHY
DIRECTOR CIO INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCILS.

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Jan. 11, 1946

Dear Randolph:

We have learned with great regret of your present illness, and many of your friends here expressed concern about you at our meeting last nite. We had a good meeting, about 100 being present, and all were disappointed at your inability to be present. We raised $60.00 at the meeting on campaign expenses. Web did the "pinch-hitting" for you and Elmer Henderson also spoke.

Our plans are pretty well under way for the Mass Rally and people are showing greater interest as we progress. I think we shall put the meeting over successfully. Hope you can be with us Thursday evening, Jan. 24, as our "pep" speaker. Each Monday afternoon we hold an executive meeting of the whole Planning Committee in the Loop at 4 o'clock, and each Thursday evening we hold our "workers conference" at our Southside office, with reports from co-chairmen, officers and workers generally. We also have a "pep" talk by some person of prominence at Thursday's meeting, Atty. Earl B. Dickerson being our speaker Jan. 17.

We have worked out your idea for our plackards which we hope to have for distribution late next week; we also have a large canvass sign up in front of Metropolitan Community Church, and a small one at the corner directing the public to our headquarters. We had a photograph of some of our chairmen and officers made last night which will appear in the papers next week; we also hope to begin the ad series in the Defender next week and in the other papers the following week. Last week's Defender and this week's Courier gave us a good plug. We shall have something in the papers each week from now till the close of the camapign.

The question giving us most concern is finance. Next Monday we are having a special meeting on finance, calling together representatives of a number of organizafons for that special purpose. The question of speakers for the Mass Rally also concerns us; so far, we have no definite committments, except that Eric Johnston and Stassen have declined with regrets. However, influence and pressure are being used on Wallace and Stassen to get their acceptances. Can you help us here? We must know definitely about at least one other outside speaker than yourself next week so we can begin to publicise them. Thanks for your recent suggestions; we are trying to carry them out in detail and with precision.

Wishing you a sppedy recovery and hoping to hear from you soon, with all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Charles W. Burton

Pack the Coliseum for FEPC Mass Rally!
Inter-Racial Sunday, February 10, 1946

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Calling All Chicago!!

Fifty Thousand Citizens Wanted to Pack the Coliseum!

Inter-Racial Sunday

February 10, 1946, at Two O'clock P.M.

Gigantic Mass Rally for Permanent Fair Employment Practice

Demand Immediate Passage of FEPC Bill Now Pending in Congress!

It is The Economic Magna Charter of All Minority Groups!

It Will Guarantee Jobs for All Without Discrimination and Safeguard Your Future!

Outstanding Speakers ***Thrilling Music!***

Among the speakers invited are Secretary Henry Wallace, Commander Harold E. Stassen, Eric Johnson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Lillian Smith and A. Philip Randolph. Heavyweight Champion, Joe Louis, Orsan Wells, Frank Sinatra, Hilda Simms and other Stars of Radio and Screen Are Being Invited to Attend Chicago's All-Out Effort for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Full Employment and Fair Employment Is Our Goal!

Help Build This Mass Rally and Put Chicago in the Front Rank of Guarantors of Freedom, Equality and Justice for all. Attend This Meeting and go on Record for This Cause. The Inter-Racial Planning Committee Meets Thursday Evenings at 8 o'clock, 4100 South Parkway, and at 123 W. Madison Mondays, at 4 P.M. Come out and Join One or More Committees and Help Do the Job. Send your donation to Rev. Jos. M. Evans, Treas., and help pay for your rights!

Issued by:

Chicago FEPC Mass Rally Committee
123 W. Madison - Randolph 0594
4100 South Parkway - Oak. 6780

On to the Coliseum - February 10, 1946!

"The right to work is the God-given right of every human being, and must be guaranteed by American democracy."

NC–FEPC
Chicago local

January 15, 1946

Mr. Charles W. Burton
Chicago FEPC Mass Rally Committee
4100 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Burton:

Thanks a lot for your letter of January 11th. I am sorry that I could not be there for the meeting on the 10th, but I was down in bed with the flu. I am not much better now, but I am up again and hope to see you around the first of February when I shall come out there. Keep up the good work.

I know we will have a big rally.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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February 4, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Randolph:

You will be interested to know that the campaign for our mass rally on February 17 goes forward with increasing interest. We are entering into high gear as we go into the final stretch of the campaign today, and everything points to a successful meeting. There are many things yet to be done, but we are getting our forces lined up for the home run.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an "ad" which appeared in the Chicago Defender last week. Webb has your copy for "ads" for the Defender and Courier this week and next week. We are distributing 5,000 window cards this week, and 50,000 handbills this week and next week. We are also sending speakers to the churches to present our cause and many of them are cooperating with us through their bulletins.

I am glad to hear that you are well on the road to recovery and your many friends here have been inquiring about your health. Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you within a short while and hoping that it will be possible for you to spend a few days here before the mass meeting, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Burton

Charles Wesley Burton
Executive Director

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Pack the Coliseum for FEPC Mass Rally!
Inter-Racial Sunday, February ~~10,~~ 17 1946

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CHARLES WESLEY BURTON
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A PHILIP RANDOLPH=

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A PHILLIP RANDOLPH=
217 WEST 125 ST=

FINAL PEP READING MASS RALLY COMMITTEE THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 14 METROPOLITAN CHURCH KINDLY BE WITH US IF POSSIBLE OUTLOOK PROMISING FOR GREAT READING SUNDAY WIRE=

CHARLES WESLEY BURTON.

6437 Champlain Ave

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Chicago FEPC Council

February 16, 1946

Mr. Charles Wesley Burton, Executive Director
Chicago FEPC Mass Rally Committee
4100 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Burton:

Congratulations upon the splendid work you and the Committee are doing. The action of the Senate is not the final answer on the fight for FEPC. We are stronger today than we were before FEPC was voted down in the Senate. We only lost by 7 votes, which showed that if the bill got to the floor for a vote, it would pass.

Hope to see you Friday.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

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COMMITTEE

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NY-FEPC

270 Convent Avenue
New York, N.Y.
February 26, 1946.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
217 West 125th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 22nd.

It is indeed a pleasure and I feel deeply grateful to be invited to the platform, an invitation which I gracefully accept. I consider it a privilege and an honor to be considered a 'devoted friend of FEPC.'

While it was not possible for me to accept the offer to serve on the Planning Committee, I am glad that I was able to assist, in a small measure, by mustering ushers for the occasion and the sale of a few tickets.

Hoping the Rally will be all you desire.

Sincerely,

Doris L. Campbell

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JEAN MURRELL CAPERS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
TEMPORARY OFFICES:
2360 EAST FORTIETH STREET
CLEVELAND, 4 OHIO

January 18, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph;

This is to let you know that work is moving forward on our meeting of January 29th.

Although we are getting very little support from other organizations, with Wells as the spearhead, the information is getting across.

We also have our delegation ready to go to Washington. The apathy here is terrific but a great deal of it is because we have not been meeting and emphasizing the program as we should.

Over two hundred (200) organizations have been notified; they will get another communication next week. Over three thousand cards are being sent; three hundred placards being put out; one-quarter page ad in the Call-Post this week and a full page for next week, if possible; speakers at the churches this sunday; and the sound truck next Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and ten thousand hand bills.

If there is anything else you feel we should do, please let us know.

Very sincerely,

Jean Murrell Capers
Jean Murrell Capers
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JMC/rb

NC FEPC
Cleveland Council

January 28, 1946

Miss Jean Murrell Capers
2500 East Fortieth Street
Cleveland 4, Ohio

Dear Jean:

Thanks a lot for your letter of January 10th informing me of plans for the FEPC meeting in Cleveland. Congratulations upon the splendid work you and Mr. Sharpe have done.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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March 1, 1946.

Mr. James B. Carey
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Jim:

I want to thank you for the fine speech you made last night at the Garden Rally, and to tell you how sorry I was that radio time came along before you were finished. It was one of the many times I have wished that the radio was a flexible machine. It was very important at that magnificent meeting to have the point of view of the C.I.O. expressed and and you did it in forceful fashion.

Please let me know if we can take care of any of your expenses involved in your trip to New York.

I am looking forward to seeing you before long, and know that we can count on you to be with us until we win a permanent FEPC law.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph

APR:b

134 South 9th Ave.
Mount Vernon, N.Y
March 14, 1946

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St.
N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Following, the conversation we had in reference to my handling the publicity for the Madison Square Garden mass rally, Please be advised that efforts were made through press releases to the Afro American, Journal & Guide, Chicago Defender, and Pittsburgh Courier, also the Amsterdam News relative to the meeting held for a mass rally at the Y.M.C.A. However, because in many instances these papers received press releases from the Permanent Committee on F.E.P.C. from downtown New York, these papers did not publish my release.

I am writing one of the editors of the Afro in Baltimore Mr. Gibson to forward you a copy of the letter he sent me in which he enclosed the release I sent his publication.

After this letter was received and after the other publications did not publish the releases, I made no further effort to expedite any press material relating the Harlem rally because they had not been officially informed by you or some other official working closely with this effort concerning my connection.

I would suggest that any other effort made that an extra press man is needed please officially inform the various papers by letter.

Thank you for extending me the opportunity to handle the press material for such a program, and hope that I ~~could~~ can be of further assistance in the future.

Respectfully,
Horace Carter

Copy sent to
Richard Parrish

NY Council FEPC

March 26, 1946

Mr. Horace Carter
154 South 9th Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 14th concerning your splendid work in behalf of the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally. It was a wonderful demonstration, and I want you to know that I appreciate the part you played in helping to make it a success.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Mr. Abram Chasins
115 Central Park West
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Chasins:

The right to work is the right to live. There is no question of greater concern today to the American people in general or to its minority groups in particular.

In 1940 members of our racial and religious minorities began to be drafted into the armed services of their country along with all other Americans. But their right to the employment for which they were qualified was as yet not recognized. A huge defense program was begun to prepare our country for an inevitable war, but Negroes, Jews, Catholics, and Americans of Oriental and Mexican origin were being denied the right, to a larger or lesser degree, to participate in the building of their country's defenses. This was detrimental to the morale of their soldier sons and brothers in the armed services and to the war production of the country.

Representations on the part of Negro and other interested organizations to leaders of the government in Washington were to no avail. It was not until the people back home spoke, through the organization of a movement to bring 50,000 Negroes to Washington to protest against this policy of racial discrimination in employment, that results were obtained.

Early in June, 1941, President Roosevelt summoned Walter White and myself to Washington to discuss the matter, and after this meeting promised that "something will be done." Two weeks later, on June 25, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order No. 8802, establishing the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, popularly known as The F.E.P.C. Committee, and "reaffirming the policy of the United States that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or in government because of race, creed, color or national origin."

The President's Committee succeeded, in spite of insufficient funds and inadequate authority, in proving to the country that fair employment practices legislation could work, and that it was absolutely necessary to safeguard the economic rights of our minority groups.

People all over the country began to ask, "If it is unfair and wasteful to discriminate in wartime, why is it not equally unfair and wasteful to discriminate in peacetime? Why not strengthen this Committee? Why not make it permanent?" Thus it was that in December, 1943, a group of national leaders of Negro and white civic, religious and trade union organizations met in Washington and formed the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.

Today, a small but dynamic interracial and interfaith staff, under the direction of Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, has succeeded in establishing over 120 local councils in practically every state in the union, and introducing Bills S 101 in the Senate, and HR 2232 in the House for the enactment of legislation which would permanently outlaw discrimination in employment.

The National Council has both a Washington and a field staff. The Washington staff serves as a listening post in the Nation's capital, gathering and disseminating information vitally needed by members of Congress and the voters back home. The field staff, which established the local councils, works constantly to increase their strength, influence and numbers. The New York Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C., of which you are a Sponsor, is one such council.

I know that it will gladden your heart to hear that we have succeeded in establishing active interracial and interfaith councils even in the Deep South, and that on January 23, in Washington, D.C., one of the worst Jim Crow cities in the country, the National Council held an interracial dinner at the Hotel Mayflower in downtown Washington - one of the leading hotels of that city - which was attended by leaders of over thirty national organizations, a brilliant representation of the press, seven United States Senators and over a score of Representatives.

Unfortunately, the filibustering which is permitted in the Senate, and the antiquated rules through which pending bills must be reported to the House have permitted a small minority of poll tax Congressmen, whose very presence as representatives of their electorates is open to serious legal question, to thwart the will of the majority.

But every day the cause of F.E.P.C. is surely winning new friends. The reaction of public opinion throughout the country to the recent filibuster was most heartening. What is desperately needed today is sufficient funds to follow through on our gains, and make them tell in the next Congressional move being planned right now. We must build up public opinion sufficiently to make another Senate filibuster impossible, and to force the House Rules Committee to report favorably on HR 2232. For this we need money for postage, for printing, for rent, for telephone and telegraph services, for salaries and for the other day-by-day expenses of running a national organization.

Last February, our monthly expenditures were about $6,000 per month; this year they have more than doubled. That is why we must raise $200,000 this year, of which $50,000 is needed immediately, to counteract the recent disastrous action of the United States Senate.

We need not tell you how important this fight is to American democracy. The importance of the fight transcends the issue of F.E.P.C. itself. We cannot afford to permit government by filibuster defeat all progressive legislation. I am therefore appealing to you to indicate your contribution to the National Council today, a contribution commensurate with the great need of this vital cause.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
National Co-Chairman

March 1, 1946.

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers
Broadway Tabernacle
New York, N. Y.

Dear Allan:

I do not need to tell you how much I appreciate your ever ready cooperation in all of our projects for the FEPC, but I do want you to know how scandalized I was at the crashing sound that followed your magnificent invocation last night. There is no explanation, but many regrets.

I feel that the meeting last night has laid the groundwork for important work in New York City and we will want to discuss it very soon.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH

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2084 SEVENTH AVE NYK
NATL DIRECTOR MARCH ON WASHINGTON MOVEMENT THERESA HOTEL BLDG/

AS YOU WERE ADVISED IN OUR MARCH 4 BULLETIN, FEBRUARY 22 CONFERENCE REPRESENTING 43 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND 28 LOCAL COUNCILS RECOMMENDED AS A MAJOR SUGGESTION SINCE POLITICAL STALEMATE SEEMS TO BE AT TOP THAT WE HAVE A MARCH ON WASHINGTON. WE DESIRE EXPRESSIONS OF ALL COOPERATING NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS TO ADVISABILITY AND SIGNIFICANCE YOU BELIEVE SUCH A MARCH MIGHT HAVE AT THIS TIME. FOR THESE REASONS WE ASK THAT PRESIDENTS AND/OR EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE PRESENT AT A MEETING WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 AT TWO PM AT BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH, 211 W 56TH STREET, NEW YORK, TO DISCUSS THE MATTER

ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS A PHILIP RANDOLPH
CO-CHAIRMEN NATL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC

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April 30, 1946

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers
Broadway Tabernacle
211 West 56 Street
New York, New York

Dear Allan:

I want to present herewith the following suggestions for consideration by the Policy Committee.

1. That a meeting of the National Executive Committee be held May 11 at the usual hour for consideration of the recommendations by the Policy Committee.

2. That the staff of the Council in Washington be stripped practically to the bone in order that we may be able to meet financial obligations. I suggest cutting the field staff to Milo Manley and Charles Toney.

3. That Ann remain in Washington while action is probable in the Senate, since Ida Fox and Beatrice Schlet have resigned.

4. That Milo Manley and Toney be put in the field to organise fund drives in various cities along with political work.

I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting because of my trip to Dallas, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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CARET S MAC NEAL 11 NORTH JEFFERSON AVE STL=

=CAREY SHIFKIN WHITE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ARE MEETING IN MY STUDY AT 11 FRIDAY MORNING ONLY TIME WE COULD GET THEM ALL. IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO BE THERE IF ALL POSSIBLE. WASHINGTON OFFICE MORALE HIGH AND GENERAL PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING=

=ALLAN CHALMERS 211 WEST 56TH ST.

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS=
217 WEST 125 ST=

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EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC TO BE HELD IN
MEETING ROOM ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF THE WILLKIE MEMORIAL
BUILDING 20 W 40 STREET NEW YORK CITY AT 1000 AM WEDNESDAY
JUNE 26 PLEASE MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND=
A PHILLIP RANDOLPH COCHAIRMAN ALLAN KNIGHT
CHALMERS CO CHAIRMAN.

20 W 40 1000 AM 26.

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N Y Council FEPC

March 1, 1946.

Senator Dennis Chavez
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Chavez:

Our Madison Square Garden Rally last night would not have been the success it was without your presence. You made a fine speech and it was a wonderful opportunity for New Yorkers to see and hear the kind of leadership we have on our side in Washington.

I want you to know that I appreciate very much your coming up for the meeting.

I imagine we will be having many conferences before the Bill finally becomes law, but some day it will and what a day of rejoicing that will be!

Please let me know if we can take care of the expenses involved in your trip to New York.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

APR:b

NL-FEPC
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March 19, 1946

Mr. Robert R. Church
6000 Champlain
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

Just a word to let you know I appreciate the fine, constructive contribution you made to the fight for a permanent FEPC from the bottom of my heart.

I believe that the vote of 48 senators for cloture rule gave us new moral strength that we did not have before the fight took place in the Senate. It should be our task to build upon this foundation. We must reform our lines and get set to wage a new battle for FEPC in this Congress.

I hope to have a chat with you if I am in Chicago or Washington and you are there also.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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QTH3 STRAIGHT MAY 13 1946
ROBERT R CHURCH DUNBAR HOUSE
15TH AND U STREETS NW WASHINGTON DC=

LEAVING 10:30 AM FOR WASHINGTON FOR MEETING WITH SENATOR TAFT 5 PM

= A PHILIP RANDOLPH=

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June 10, 1948

Mr. R. R. Church
Dunbar House
15th and V Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC on May 26th, Senator Taft's FEPC Bill was discussed. There were three outstanding objections to the bill. They were as follows:

1. Long court procedure before final action on for elimination of discrimination in a given community or industry. Period estimated to extend from eighteen to twenty-two months.

2. Quota system of intergrating groups discriminated against into industries. It was contended that this plan of Senator Taft's serves to established segregation on a basis of race, creed or color in industry, inasmuch as employees were intergrated not upon a basis of workers who had a right to a job, but upon a basis of a given quota on Negroes, Jews, Mexicans, etc.

3. The failure of the bill to protect the rights of the individual who is aggrieved because of discrimination.

Now, there were several minor objections, but I think these are the major ones.

It is my earnest hope that it may be possible to have a committee from the Executive Committee of the Council, representing various strategic organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, AFL, CIO, and the Council, to meet with Senator Taft to discuss the aforementioned objections, with a view to attempting to come to some understanding which will be mutually agreeable, without sacrificing the principles the Council and the cooperating organizations insist upon maintaining in the bill.

I want you to let Senator Taft know that I appreciate immensely his interest and fine spirit of cooperation in trying to work out a bill which is acceptable and workable with a view to the elimination of discrimination.

It is our hope that we may be able to agree upon a bill before the next Congress, so that we will be prepared for a vigorous and aggressive campaign to secure the enactment of a FEPC Bill in the 80th Congress. I want you to know that I appreciate your arrabging these conference with Senator Taft for our Committee, and also the deep interest and concern manifested in this fight for a permanent FEPC.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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A PHILIP RANDOLP, SUITE 301=
217 WEST 125 ST=

PLEASE ADVISE ME WIRE TODAY SURE DATE YOU WANT APPOINTMENTS WITH MARTIN, TAFT, REECE. THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE TO BE BEFORE WEDNESDAY JUNE NINETEENTH BECAUSE I HAVE MY TICKET AND RESERVATIONS AND MUST LEAVE THAT DAY, HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE THIS FOR YOU IF IT POSSIBLE=

=CHURCH.

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QTN 1 STRAIGHT JUNE 12=
MRS. R. R. CHURCH DUNBAR HOUSE 15TH AND U STREETS N. W.
WASHINGTON D. C.=

I PLAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON FRIDAY JUNE 14. YOU MAY PLAN CONFERENCE WITH SENATOR TAFT REECE AND MARTIN. LEAVING LEAVING 1130 FRIDAY.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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COUNCIL FOR FEPC SENT TELEGRAM TO SENATOR TAFT REQUESTING CONFERENCE WITH STEERING COMMITTEE DECEMBER 27= PAUL SIFTON WHO IS WOKING FOR COUNCIL WILL CALL ON YOU FOR COOPERATION WILL APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE HIM=

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1946

Dear Mr. Attwell

It was splendid to have you participate in the deliberations of the National Conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency here in Washington on November 20, 21 and 22, 1946.

The work performed by you and the others attending this Conference will be a great influence in curtailing juvenile delinquency in this country. Your contribution to the program is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your interest and efforts on behalf of the youth of America.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

/signed/

Tom C. Clark
Attorney General

Mr. E. T. Attwell
National Recreation Association
315 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Mad Square Meeting
File

- 217 West 125 St.
New York, N.Y.

January 3, 1946

Mr. William Collins
Regional Director
American Federation of Labor
1440 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

Just a word to say that I certainly appreciate the interest and fine spirit of cooperation you have given and are giving to our effort to get favorable action on FEPC legislation and to prevent the Commies from taking over. May I say that they are redoubling their efforts in this respect so as to pose before the country as the saviour of the minorities, but we are going to use every ounce of energy we have to prevent this.

I have been down with the flu and am unable to get around as yet, thus I will not be able to speak at the Central Trades and Labor Council's next meeting but I will have our International Field Organizer, Brother B. F. McLaurin, to speak in my stead. He knows all of the problems involved and also can tell the story about what the Communists are trying to do to take over the bandwagon. I hope it may be convenient for you to be at the Central Trades and Labor Council's next meeting so that you can say a word in support of the speech of Brother McLaurin, since we want to get all of the financial support we can from the unions in New York.

With cordial good wishes and the season's greeting, I am

Very sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

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1440 BROADWAY, SUITE 2209
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NY-FEPC Council fund

January 7, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent
Fair Employment Practice Committee
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of January 3, 1946 has been received, and we were sorry to hear that you have been down with the flu. We hope that by this time you are well again, and able to keep up the good work that you are doing.

We will make it our business to be at the meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council to join with Brother McLaurin to tell the delegates of the work of the Permanent FEPC. We were talking with Mrs. Springer, and she was to talk further with Secretary Quinn, so that she could get a letter out to the Unions seeking funds to carry on the work.

Wishing you every success during the coming year, we are

Very sincerely,

William Collins
Regional Director
American Federation of Labor

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NY Council FEPC

March 15, 1946

Mr. William Collins, Regional Director
American Federation of Labor
1440 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Brother Collins:

Permit me to express my great appreciation for the fine cooperation and help you gave to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC in building up the Madison Square Garden Rally for FEPC. It proved that democratic groups can build up a great meeting in Madison Square Garden without help from the Communists and in the face of opposition.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:RB

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NC-FEPC
St Louis Council

217 West 125th St.
NYC

January 8, 1946

Rev. James Cook, Chairman
St. Louis Local
YMCA
Pine Street Branch
2846 Pine Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Brother Cook:

Just a word to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for your fine cooperation and also that of the members of the Council in developing a splendid meeting in St. Louis, December 16th for FEPC. I hope it may be possible for the Council to raise ten thousand dollars in St. Louis for the fight. The expenses to carry on the struggle are tremendous but the stake is worth it to all minority groups and American democracy. May we have a new year free from the poisons of fascism, anti-semitism, anti-Catholicism and anti-laborism.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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ROBERT F. WAGNER
NEW YORK

DAVID DELMAN
SECRETARY

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 25, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman, National Council for a
Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

In Senator Wagner's absence from Washington because of illness, I am acknowledging your letter of January 23rd, inviting the Senator to speak at a meeting which will be held in Madison Square Garden on February 28th.

Senator Wagner would, I know, like very much to join you on this occasion. Unfortunately, however, it appears that it will be several weeks before the Senator has completely recovered from the virus pneumonia which has confined him to the hospital. He has, therefore, asked me to decline, on his behalf, all invitations to speak during the month of February.

I am sure that Senator Wagner will want to send a message of greeting and support and, if it is agreeable to you, might ask his son, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., to attend the meeting on February 28 and read the Senator's message.

I will, of course, bring your letter to the Senator's attention at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

David Delman

David Delman
Secretary to Senator Wagner

NY Council FEPC

February 6, 1946

Mr. David Delman, Secretary to Senator Wagner
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Delman:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 26th informing me of the illness of Senator Wagner and your suggestion that his son, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., read the message from the Senator. May I say that I will be glad to have this done if the Senator is not better at the time.

We will, therefore, advertise Senator Wagner just the same, and his son will present his message at the occasion.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Dear Phil—
This is just for the record!
my Council
FEPC

February 18, 1946.

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Max:

I was delighted, as you know, to accept the invitation of the New York Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission to work these last few weeks on the Madison Square Garden Rally, even though it was at a considerable cut in salary. In the two weeks I have already worked I have learned a lot and hope I have helped some.

As you know, the office we are using in the Joint Board Building has been made available to us by Mr. Minkoff and that includes the telephone and numerous office perquisites such as use of the mimeograph machine, etc. I am delighted my secretary's salary is being paid by the American Jewish Committee instead of having an extra secretary. What would we do without the cooperation and contributions of our friends, I don't know!

As you know, Maida and I discussed division of responsibility, and from this office we are taking care of all details regarding speakers and entertainment. I am acting as liaison with Bill Sutherland on the entertainment. All the publicity is being cleared through me, and of course I am spending considerable time on follow-through on what I hope will be good radio coverage. I am also acting as liaison and gadfly with the Record office. And naturally I am constantly pushing organization contacts here at the I.L.G. and follow-up on Freedom House meeting.

At our executive meeting on Tuesday morning, I feel very strongly that we should have exact reports on exactly where we stand financially (and I hasten to add that I regret I was not in on the original planning of the budget), the ticket situation, organization cooperation and publicity in and through organizations.

February 16, 1946.

On finances I think it would make us all happier if we could have three sets of figures available at the Tuesday meeting. (1) The original budget broken down into specific categories; (2) the money that has been spent up to this time in these specific categories; and (3) a column showing anticipated expenditures in the same categories. This would then give us a better basis for knowing what we can spend for advertising in the metropolitan press, whether or not we have sufficient funds to do additional printing if thought necessary, and of course we will want the exact figures on expenses regarding entertainment, decorations, etc., on the night of the Rally.

So much good work was done before I came into the picture on the distribution of tickets that I find that I am still not clear on the total picture. I believe that on Tuesday it would be helpful in follow-up work if we have an exact report, as was suggested at our last meeting, on the organizations that have tickets, the amount of money they have turned in and the number of tickets they still feel they can sell. Personally I believe that all tickets should be called in by the 25th at the latest in order to know exactly where we stand for that should be the determining factor in the amount of advertising and additional printing. We should also have a list of boxes that have been sold to date, the organizations that have taken them and at what price; and also a report of any free tickets other than platform tickets that are being given away; and report on special arrangements that have been made on ticket selling such as that with the Choir.

Regarding organization cooperation, I believe it would be very helpful if we could have a list of the organizations that are definitely cooperating on the Meeting and a parallel list of organizations that are not cooperating and that we believe should cooperate. I think this would be particularly helpful in the Trade Union field and that it should be possible for us to divide up lists of organizations and unions in order to do additional

February 20, 1946.

Mr. Max Delson
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personal promotion work. I believe this same policy would be helpful after the meeting in Harlem next Wednesday. I agree with Maida that altogether too many organizations are talking cooperation and not acting. In this field, I also think it is extremely important to have an exact list of buildings that have been covered with posters and leaflets and to have a parallel list of those that should be covered.

I still feel as I did in the beginning that the Madison Square Garden Rally must overflow on February 28th, but that we may have to make a lot of last minute changes in promotion because the situation is so changed on the national scene.

With best wishes all around until Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,

MWH

Mary W. Hillyer.

MWH:b

cc: Mr. Benjamin F. McLaurin
Mr. A. Philip Randolph ✓
Mrs. Maida Springer
Mr. Morris Milgram

[illegible] of FEPC

New Orleans
Times-Picayune:

[illegible] congressmen declare [illegible] federal bills (S. 101 and H. R. 2232) to forbid discrimination in employment because of creed, national origin or ancestry, race or color, and to create a permanent fair employment practices commission to prevent such discrimination. These men have insulted the intelligence of the American people by misrepresenting the bills.

Groups forbidden to discriminate by the bills are: Federal government agencies, employers of 6 or more persons whose operations affect interstate or foreign commerce, contractors and subcontractors who employ six or more persons, and labor unions whose practices affect interstate commerce.

An employer may hire or reject anyone for any basis or for any reason so long as a needed and qualified person is not rejected because of his creed, race, color, national origin or ancestry. Nor does the bill require hiring on a per cent age basis, for that in itself would be discriminatory.

Only discrimination in employment or union membership (hiring, discharge, wages, seniority, transfers, demotions, upgrading, union auxiliaries, etc.) are prohibited by the bill. The bill does not apply to discrimination in education, transportation, recreation, voting, or places of public accommodation. Decisions by the FEPC are subject to review by the courts, and Congress will pass upon its annual request for an appropriation.

It is urgent that we who believe in democracy write immediately to President Truman and to Edward Hannegan, Democratic national chairman, of the Democratic party, thanking them for their support of the bills and urging them to do all in their power to secure their passage. Also, Louisiana Senators Overton and Ellender should be flooded with messages objecting to their use of the fillibuster preventing those who wish to vote for FEPC.

LILLIAN MUNIZ

Ed Note: The foregoing letter shows that the application of the proposed FEPC is practically all-embracive. Its argument that the bill does not apply to segregation laws and systems is a matter of interpretation about which opinions differ sharply. The discretionary powers vested in the committee commission may of course be exercised prudently or fanatically, but many believe no bureau should be vested ~~with~~ such sweeping, arbitrary authority in peace time.

in New Orleans
Times-Picayune
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NY Council
FEPC

March 12, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York City

Dear Max:

Just a word to express my great appreciation for the able and constructive work you did as the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally. Your chairmanship of the Rally was a masterpiece. You kept that vast audience always interested so that there wasn't a dull moment.

I hope we will now be able to build a strong New York Council for a Permanent FEPC. I am confident we will.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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CARL RACHLIN

March 20th, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Phil,

At the sub-committee meeting on Saturday for the New York Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. you, Frank Trager and myself were selected as a committee to consider the raising of special funds for the F.E.P.C.

When would it be convenient for you to see Frank and myself to further explore this matter?

Sincerely,

Max

Max Delson

MD:LB

NY Council – FEPC

March 28, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Max:

I am glad the Sub-Committee of the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC had a good meeting and worked out plans to carry on the fight. I will be glad to serve with you and Frank.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NY Council for Permanent FEPC

April 24, 1946

Dear Phil:

At the meeting of representatives from sponsoring organizations of the Madison Square Garden rally for a permanent FEPC, held on March 13, 1946, a subcommittee of 11 was named to work out plans for the continuance of the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC. This committee has laid its plans and is now ready to report to the larger body.

You are, therefore, requested to attend the next planning committee meeting of the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC, to be held on Tuesday, April 30, 4 p.m., at 20 West 40 Street, eighth floor.

Also on the agenda will be an up-to-the-minute report by Mr. A. Philip Randolph of the status of FEPC legislation.

It is of utmost importance that you attend this meeting. Kindly use the enclosed postcard indicating whether you plan to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Max

Max Delson
Chairman

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Minutes of the Steering Committee of the N.Y. Council for a Permanent FEPC, April 22, 1946

Present: Marvin Jager, Morris Milgram, Ben Davidson, Aldrich Turner, Charles Berkley, Jules Cohen, Frank Trager, B. F. McLaurin, Max Delson, Vivian Odems

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Max Delson, but before going on with the discussion re program of the N.Y. Council, Mr. Robert Masson was interviewed for a post with the League. Mr. Masson's application is to be put on file for future reference.

MOTION: That unless there is something wrong with Mr. Ira Cahn's recommendations, the chairman is empowered to proseed with the employing of Mr. Cahn; the date of employment depending upon when office space is available.

Mr. Trager reported some possible offices, and the office committee will look into them.

Re the immediate program of the N.Y. Council: The committee felt that there should be some kind of demonstration in which the people en masse could participate to mobilize public support for FEPC legislation. Mr. Trager felt that this demonstration should be tied in with the hour's pay drive.

MOTION: That we organize a street demonstration in front of the Willkie Building, to be one of the organizational objectives of the local FEPC, to be followed by borough demonstrations wherever possible. CARRIED.

The committee voted to hold the demonstration in front of the Willkie Building on Tuesday, May 28, at 4 o'clock. Among the people to be asked to speak will be Senator Mead, the five Congressmen from each borough and a Congressman from New Jersey. Also Governor Dewey, Mayor O'Dwyer, David Dubinsky, Louis Hollander, Thomas Murray, Pearl Buck, Walter Reuther; as well as a Protestant, Catholic and Jewish representative.

The Steering Committee felt that it was now time to report back to the larger body, letting them know what plans were laid. For this purpose, a meeting of the planning committee will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 4 P.M. at 20 West 40 Street, eighth floor.

It was suggested tha we hire Cahn to work for us on the street demonstration; the term of his employment not to exceed two months.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Odems

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

N. Y. COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT F.E.P.C.
2084 SEVENTH AVENUE
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shall

I shall not attend the meeting of the Planning Committee of the N.Y. Council for a Permanent FEPC on Tuesday, April 30, 4 p.m., at 20 West 40 Street, eighth floor.

Signed ______________________________

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MOnument 2-3350

May 3, 1946

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, chairman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, is calling a conference meeting of all groups, organizations and individuals interested in the passage of an FEPC law on Wednesday, May 8, 8 p.m., at the Wendell Willkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40th Street, eighth floor.

At this conference, two points will be under discussion:

(1) The organization of a New York Branch of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.
(2) Discussion concerning a program of action of the New York Branch.

I am inviting you, either as an individual or a representative of your organization, to attend this meeting. This invitation does not limit your organization to just one delegate, but rather we would welcome from two to five representatives.

Kindly use the enclosed postcard to let me know whether you can attend and the names of the other representatives from your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Max Delson

Max Delson
Chairman

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NC-FEPC
NY Council

May 22, 1948

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Max:

Find enclosed letter which is self-explanatory and quite imperative.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 28th, 1946

Mr. Isaiah Minkoff
National Community Relations
Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Minkoff:

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MEMO TO SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR A PERMANENT FEPC

Mr. Max Delson, Chairman   June 4, 1946

Dear Friends:

An unexpected change in my schedule of work requires me to leave for Chicago this afternoon. I greatly regret that I cannot attend the meeting of the Committee. I want to submit a few suggestions for your consideration.

1. Re Bills for FEPC in the Congress - Request attorneys, George Johnson, Dean of Howard Law School; Thurman Dodson, Felix Cohen, Department of Interior; Charles H. Houston, who have worked with the Council in drafting S 101 to attend the meeting of the Committee next week for the purpose of giving their views on amendments to S 101 and the Taft Bill. These men should be advised of the political situation which now obtains with respect to securing the enactment of FEPC legislation by the next Congress. (a) that no FEPC bill can get through Congress without Republican support (b) that you cannot get Republican support without Taft's endorsement (c) the trend in the country is toward reaction which usually follows in a nation which has won a war, thus the next Congress is quite likely to reflect this reaction which will make it more difficult to get FEPC legislation through (d) that discrimination against minorities in employment is increasing and that the people will not rally to a long run program in terms of five or ten year fight.

   Deductions: The Council must agree upon a bill which can pass the Congress and yet retain enforcement powers and eliminate if possible all features objectionable in the Taft Bill including: (a) the long court action period (b) quota plan for intergrating workers in industry.

2. Suggest that the Council have the Policy Committee to present final draft of bill agreed upon to Senator Taft, Barkley, Reece, Chairman, National Republican Committee; Hannegan, Chairman, National Democratic Committee and Joe Martin, Minority Republican Leader of the House and McCormick, Majority Democratic Leader of the House with a view to securing agreement on the bills. It may require several trips of the Committee to Washington for this purpose, but I take it that we cannot honestly go out before the public fighting for a bill which we know will not get through the Congress and therefore the necessity for this method of approach.

   I have gone as far as I can on working out a FEPC bill which might get through the Congress and it was rejected hence I think that the Policy Committee representing these various organizations, together with Max Delson, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, should wait on the abovenamed leaders of the Senate and the House together with Reece and Hannegan. I consider this prerhaps the most urgent matter before the Committee at this time.

GEARING COUNCIL FOR JOB AHEAD

1. I suggest that Committee study policies and methods of administration, organization, propaganda, public relations, literature, personnel, budget and change of headquarters of the Council from Washington to New York.

2. I suggest that Mrs. Hedgeman be requested to consult with Committee from time to time in the interest of giving information desired.

3. I suggest drafting a brief statement of purpose of National Council for a Permanent FEPC for use in campaign for funds.

Fraternally,

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A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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June 10th, 1946

Mr. Al Philip Randolph, Pres.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Rankolph:

The Sub-Committee, of which you are a member, designated to make a survey of the organizational structure of the National Council and to make a study of the F.E.P.C. bill, has been requested to convene on Thursday, June 13th, 1946 at 2:30 P.M. at the office of the National Community Relations Advisory Council located at 295 Madison Avenue, New York City (Room 4107).

It is imperative that you be present.

Sincerely,

Max Delson

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June 19, 1948

Mr. Max Delson
27 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Thanks a lot for your letter with names of persons suggested by Mr. Henry Luce to get in touch with in the interest of FEPC. I too think that we would do well to have a chat with Mr. Grover at an early date.

Sincerely,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 14th, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Re: Finance Drive - National Council
for a Permanent F.E.P.C.

Dear Phil,

Below are listed the names of the men who were suggested as potential members of our Finance Committee by Mr. Henry Luce at the conference which we held this morning:

Mr. Kettering of General Motors
Mr. Henry Ford, Jr.
Mr. Jack Knight of the Chicago Daily News
Mr. Paul Smith
Mr. George Cameron
Mr. Palmer Hoyt of Denver

The name of Mr. Luce's assistant who made the valuable suggestions is Allen Grover. It may be well for several of us to arrange a conference with Mr. Gover who seems to be very well informed and has several ideas.

Very truly yours,

Max Delson

Max Delson

MD:LB
Enc.

July 5, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Find enclosed letter that is self-explanatory.

This is quite fine isn't it. This might have some effect on General Sarnoff.

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.
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A. Philip Randolph
International President

July 8, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York City

Dear Max:

Just a word to say how greatly I appreciate the effective and ceaseless work you have put in and are putting in for FEPC.

I have written Mr. Roper advising him to get in touch with you during my absence. I hope to get back and see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NY Local Council

Mr. Randolph

July 10, 1946

Mr. Harry Uviller
1440 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Uviller:

Confirming our telephone conversation of July 9th, I am herewith enclosing copy of letters sent to Mr. David Marmolstein and Mr. Louis Rubin and copy of letters sent to Mr. Agree, Mr. Kolchin, and Mr. Boriskin.

I very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter and wish to take this opportunity of expressing my genuine pleasure in meeting you.

If you have any further suggestions, would you be good enough to convey them to me - 270 Broadway, Barclay 7-0988.

Sincerely yours,

Max Delson

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NC-FEPC
N.Y. Council

August 12, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Max:

I want to suggest that at our meeting with the Public Relations Committee we plan to get something done by way of polling the Congressmen and Senators on their position on Fair Employment Practice legislation, and the changing of the Senate rules to abolish the filibuster, and also correct the policy of the Rules Committee which constitute a block to liberal legislation. I will talk with you more about this when we get together.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 16, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York City

Dear Max:

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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MEMO

TO MAX DELSON

FROM MILO MANLY

At the National Council's Board Meeting on Friday November 8th candidates for the position of Executive Secretary were discussed and additional names were requested.

The following are names of persons who are available and are interested in being considered for the position;

EUGENE DAVIDSON, Attorney
1333 R St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
(Formerly Assistant Director of Field Operations
President's FEPC)

JOSEPH H. B. EVANS
101 S St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
(Formerly Regional Director President's FEPC)

May I suggest that a motion be introduced at the next Board meeting to set up a Sub-Committee on Personnel and that said Committee be advised to seek out and thoroughly examine candidates for the position of Executive Secretary; then recommend the 3 best possibilities to the National Board for selection.

MM

Copy to Arnold Aronson

March 1, 1946.

Rev. [illegible] Bush
[illegible] Chester Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Reverend Bush:

I want you to know how much I regret that in the excitement of the closing of our meeting, the benediction was overlooked. I hope you will forgive me and feel as I did that the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic was in itself a benediction.

We appreciate your cooperation in the meeting and know that we can count on it until victory is won for a permanent FEPC law.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

APR:b

CORNELL

Sheldon Court
Box #29
Ithaca, New York.

20 February 1946.

A. Phillip Randolph
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I read with great interest of the proposed rally for the FEPC which shall bemheld in New York on February 28th. I would very much like to attend and would appreciate any information that you could send me regarding this rally. Please accept the enclosed as a small contribution for the FEPC's cause.

I hope, with all my heart, that the rally is a success and that a FEPC act is passed by Congress soon. If we intend to fulfill our pledge of being a democratic country we must have such legislation enacted by our representatives.

Hoping to be in your midst on the 28th., I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Elliot B. Doft

Elliot B. Doft.

February 23, 1946

Mr. Elliot B. Daft
Sheldon Court
Box #29
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Daft:

Permit me to express in the name of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC our great appreciation and thanks for the contribution of $5 to the Council to help in the fight for the enactment of Bills S 101 and HR 2232 for a permanent FEPC law.

I am very glad to know that you intend to come to the Madison Square Garden Rally for FEPC, February 28th.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 27, 1946

General William J. Donovan
2 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear General Donovan:

Permit me to say how greatly appreciative we are over the friendly and favorable response you gave to our request to you to be a part of a small committee of top influential citizens to help raise a fund of five hundred thousand dollars to carry on a nation-wide educational and organizational program in the interest of securing the enactment of legislation for a permanent federal Fair Employment Practice Commission. All of us keenly regret that the trip to San Antonio will prevent your attending the meeting to begin the national financial campaign for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, the agency carrying on the fight, July 1st.

But because of the weight and prestige and influence of your name and your national and world stature, I want to request you to write me a letter, expressing your willingness to become a part of a small committee and your desire to help make the campaign a success. It would be fine if you could indicate you would be willing even to meet with a few groups, giving a brief talk to help win support and cooperation for the financial campaign when convenient for you.

I am confident that the names of the persons that constitute our present group will inspire nation-wide confidence and support of the drive. It is our purpose to enlist a few other men in public life to share in the Committee. Miss Rosenberg plans to speak to Mr. Nelson Rockefeller in the interest of getting him to participate in the Committee also. General Poletti has agreed to serve on the Committee but is unable to attend our first meeting.

I am sure that when I read your letter to the group it will set the tone and spirit of the meeting that I think essential to the campaign's taking on a healthy and encouraging beginning.

2-General William J. Donovan June 27, 1946

Accept assurances of my high personal esteem for your interest and fine spirit of cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

APR:he

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

July 3, 1946

Gen. William J. Donovan
2 Wall Street
New York City

My dear General Donovan:

I want to report to you on the meeting of a small group of citizens held Monday, July 1st at 12:30 P. M., at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel, for the purpose of devising ways and means to raise five hundred thousand dollars to conduct an educational and organizational campaign to secure the enactment of legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

I think the meeting was historic in a way, since it followed the day, June 30th, on which the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, a war-time agency, expired. A front page article of considerable length was carried on the war-time agency and it pointed out clearly the increase in discrimination that now plagues our country in peace-time.

Persons at the meeting for FEPC included Mr. Martin Quigley, Mr. Henry Luce, General David Sarnoff, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg and Mr. Isiah Minkoff, Executive Director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council of Jewish agencies.

It was agreed that a committee of about thirty, which Mr. Quigley suggested, should be set-up, composed of people of top influence in the nation, and that this committee would then set about planning to raise funds. It was agreed also that the persons interested in this effort would help get men and women to serve on this committee. When we have gotten about twenty or thirty, we will then proceed to work out the details of the financial campaign.

I recall that you wanted some time before you could make a decision as to your relationship with the committee. However, you indicated that you were interested and wanted to help. It was suggested at the meeting that you could help us immensely in getting some influential people to serve on the committee.

I am leaving for Canada in the interest of my organization, but I will call you before leaving in reference to the committee.

I want to assure you that all the members of the Arranging Committee appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:RB

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217 West 125 St.
New York, N.Y.

July 5, 1946

General William J. Donovan
Two Wall Street
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear General Donovan:

Permit me to say in the name of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC that we deeply appreciate your letter of June 29th expressing your interest in cooperating with a committee to help raise the funds to carry on a nation-wide program to secure the enactment of legislation for a permanent FEPC. I assure you that this expression of interest and cooperation on your part will be most helpful to our cause. I will keep in touch with you and advise you of developments from time to time.

I had an interesting talk with Mr. Elmer Roper today and he stated that he had had the pleasure of working with you during the war and of the great service you could be to our committee. Mr. Roper is helping us on our public relations.

With cordial good wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 29th, 1946

cc) Delson
Hedgeman

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman,
Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee,
217 West 125th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I am very pleased to be one of a committee to help raise a fund to carry on a nation-wide program in the interest of obtaining legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee. I feel that it is very important that we do this for our country because, unless something is done, America will lose its moral influence in the world. For that reason I am willing to do anything I can.

Sincerely yours,

William J Donovan

NY FEPC Council

August 6, 1946

General William Donovan
2 Wall Street
New York City

My dear General Donovan:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation concerning my request that you write a letter to a selected group of persons of prominence and prestige requesting them to join the National Financial Committee for a Permanent FEPC, may I say that I am herewith enclosing the names of persons to whom Mr. Henry Luce has written a letter requesting them to join our committee.

I would suggest that in the letter you stress the importance of the enactment of federal legislation for a Fair Employment Practice Commission because of its significance and value to American democracy and the improvement of racial relations and relations in the field of religion, national origin and ancestry.

It may be suggested that a Fair Employment Practice Law would help develop tolerance and good-will which may help to prevent such tragic occurrences as we witnessed recently in the massacre of four Negroes, two men and two women in Monroe, Georgia by a mob of twenty white men.

Because of the great importance of equality in employment opportunities for Negroes and other minorities upon a basis of merit and ability, the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, which is leading the fight with the cooperation of national, religious, civic, labor and business organizations to bring about the enactment of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, all fair-minded citizens who believe in social justice for all, regardless of color, creed, or national origin, can help immensely in furthering this cause if they will join the National Financial Committee for a Permanent FEPC, which is seeking to raise five hundred thousand dollars to wage an educational and legislative campaign to secure the enactment of FEPC bills in the next Congress.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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1. Mr. Clarence Francis of General Foods
2. Nelson Rockefeller
3. Winthrop Aldrich
4. Walter Gifford
5. Oswald F. Lord
6. Mrs. Dorothy Paley
7. Paul G. Hoffman
8. Marshall Field
9. Eric Johnson
10. John Knight
11. Mrs. Ogden Reid
12. Mayor William O'Dwyer

New Orleans Council
FEPC

March 5, 1946

Mrs. Ann B. Douglas
2719 Marengo Street
New Orleans 13, La.

Dear Belle:

Web and myself will arrive in New Orleans March 30th for the meeting and will remain there through the 3rd of April.

I have decided that we will have two regional conferences in the South, one in the Southwest with Houston as the place of the conference and the other in the Southeast with Atlanta as the place for the conference.

Now so soon as we get our finances in a little better shape for the Council I want to have you start out to organize these two regional Southern conferences. You might begin to write a few key people in the Southwest now advising them of such a plan. We want to make the conferences interracial, interfaith with AFL and CIO participants.

These conferences ought to also help us raise funds. I am sure you will be able to raise considerable funds throughout Texas and the Southwest as well as in the Southeast. I want to figure out the dates for these conferences and let you know so that plans can be developed. I imagine we ought to hold these conferences sometime in May.

Trusting that you are well, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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2719 Marengo Street
New Orleans,Louisiana
March 7, 1946

Dear Philip:

I see by the paper that your Madison Square Garden meeting was a great success, and I am very glad for ypu. The plans for the meeting here are going along, but I am sorry to say that I will not be able to work as closely with them as I had hoped. My mother has been ill since January, but my sister Marian from California had been looking after her. I had hoped that Marian would have stayed with her until April when I would take over, but Marian had to go back to California yesterday, and I have Mama with me now.That means that I have very little spare time, for the care of a sick person is very time consuming.

Mary reported a very fine meeting in Washington, and Mrs. Porter, the other woman whom we sent is very enthusiastic.The Brotherhood is cooperating in plans for the meeting; so that even if it is not as large as we had hoped it will not be too disappointing.

I hope that Web's wife decided to let him go to Miami and that you will have a very pleasant rest down there.
Sincerely,

Belle

[Douglas]

N'l Council - FEPC
New Orleans

March 13, 1946

Mrs. Belle Douglas
2719 Marengo
New Orleans, La.

Dear Belle:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of March 7, 1946 informing me of the illness of your mother which will take up quite a bit of your time and prevent you from doing much for the meeting. I am indeed sorry to hear of the illness of your mother and hope she will recover forthwith.

When I come to New Orleans I hope to have a good talk with you about the Council and your work with it. It is my hope that Ann may cover Texas with you at some future date for the purpose of holding meetings and raising funds. I think you two could be quite affective on such a trip. Ann and myself also want to discuss with you the Southern Regional Conferences and plan to set them up at a certain time.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:ha
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NY Local Council
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January 17, 1946

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

This is an emergency letter and of very vital importance to the fight for FEPC. The bills in Congress are rapidly moving toward a crisis. In fact, it is on the floor of the Senate, now, and Senator Chavez is speaking on it, at this writing. We have got to mobilise every bit of public sentiment back of our fight, we can. To this end, we need funds.

I wish that you would order the circulation throughout the locals of the ILGWU of a scroll in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's services to the cause of fair employment practices for all minorities, for the purpose of raising funds from the members of the locals to help wage a tremendous fight for FEPC, which is now before us.

The papers today show the Communists picketing for FEPC in Washington. This is a part of their strategy to impress the public with the idea that nobody is doing anything for FEPC but them. We must overcome this. We can overcome it if we put adequate funds back of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, which has done the job of getting the bills before Congress, and the work of arousing public opinion for them.

The Communists are spreading propaganda to the effect that the Dubinsky-Randolph movement, referring to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, has failed to wage an effective nation-wide fight for the bills. While this, of course, is a lie, because the movement is not known as the Dubinsky-Randolph movement, nevertheless, they charge you and me with failing to put over an effective fight for FEPC, because you and I and Wolchok of the Retail and Wholesale, CIO, started the trade union movement to back the bills.

Hence, we cannot permit them to take over the fight for FEPC, so that they can pose as the saviours of minorities, which they will use as propaganda to carry on their disruptionist tactics in trade unions and civic organizations.

To me this is a very serious situation, and I am determined that the Communists will not be able to get away with the idea that they alone are making a fight for FEPC.

If you will permit this scroll to be circulated among the locals of the ILGWU, and yourself personally urge that it be wholeheartedly supported with generous contributions, I am certain that we will be able to raise considerable funds. In the meantime, we are pushing plans to raise funds through the Central Trades and Labor Council, with the cooperation of Bill Collins, AFL Organizer, and James Quinn, Secretary of the Council.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters' locals are continuously giving financial support as well as the International.

I would have come to see you, but I have been down with the flu. I hope you are well.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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MR. DAVID DUBINSKY PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION
1710 BROADWAY NEW YORK NEW YORK=

I SAT IN THE SENATE GALLERY YESTERDAY AND WITNESSED A GREAT SPECTACLE OF NATIONAL DISGRACE WHEN SENATOR RUSSELL OF GEORGIA RIDICULED THE STATEMENTS OF SENATOR LUCAS OF ILLINOIS AND SENATOR LENMAN OF NEW YORK WHO PLEADED FOR FEPC LEGISLATION BY SHOWING HOW THIS LEGISLATION WOULD HELP THE CAUSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND DEMOCRACY IN KOREA WHERE BLACK AND WHITE

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JEW AND GENTILE PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC BOYS ARE DYING TOGETHER. BUT THIS DIXIECRAT ATTACK UPON FEPC WHICH CAUSED ITS DEFEAT YESTERDAY SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE US WHO BELIEVE IN THIS GREAT CAUSE. I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY OUR FIGHT. I WILL CALL YOU TOMORROW FOR A BRIEF CONFERENCE.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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(C O P Y)

AUGUST 14, 1946

MR. BORIS SHISHKIN
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR COUNCIL MEETING
DRAKE HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

JUST LEARNED OF YOUR RESIGNATION FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE NATIONAL COUNCIL F.E.P.C. INTENSELY SHOCKED BY YOUR DECISION. ENTIRE A. F. OF L. GROUP ON NATIONAL COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS POSITION OF PHILIP RANDOLPH AND LOOKS WITH DOUBT AND SUSPICION UPON MRS. HEDGEMAN'S MOTIVES. BEG YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR RESIGNATION OR AT LEAST DO NOTHING FURTHER UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN SEEN IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL.

NATHANIEL M. MINKOFF
SECRETARY-TREASURER
JOINT BOARD DRESS AND
WAISTMAKERS' UNION
218 West 40 Street, NYC

NC-FEPC
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August 16, 1946

Mr. David Dubinsky
President, I.L.G.W.U.
Drake Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Dear President Dubinsky:

I am attaching copy of a telegram addressed to Boris Shishkin, to which I received the following reply this morning:

> "Sole basis of my resignation from Council is that as A. F. of L. representative on Executive Committee, I am entitled to advance consultation on major policy decisions and full information about decisions taken. Haven't been accorded this courtesy. Nor can I attend out-of-town meetings on 24-hour notice. All I know of action is from cryptic press release to general press. Have not been acquainted with President Randolph's position. Know nothing of Mrs. Hedgeman's motives or reason for her resignation. That is not at issue. However, believe she has rendered outstanding service in past which deserves recognition."

Shishkin is right with respect to being kept in the dark regarding the Council's activities. He is likewise right on the 24-hour notice for out-of-town meetings. This is one of the many shortcomings of the Council which, like most similar organizations, has grown out of nothing and has never consolidated itself properly. He overlooks the fact, however, that he was made a member of the Policy Committee and not on the Executive Committee, and that the matter of Mrs. Hedgeman's resignation was discussed three weeks before the August 2 meeting. He says enough in the latter part of his telegram, to indicate that Mrs. Hedgeman is responsible for his resignation because the Council issued no press releases in connection with her resignation. The only press release so far made public by the Council, is one denying that it has liquidated its business and closed its offices. Obviously, the release referred to by Shishkin was either issued or inspired by Mrs. Hedgeman.

I returned from my vacation especially to attend a meeting of the National Council at which Mrs. Hedgeman's resignation was discussed. Everybody, including Randolph, expressed their regrets and asked her to stay on. She not only refused to do that, but she also refused to withdraw the strong indictment against the Council and Philip Randolph, which indictment was absolutely without any justification.

What prompted Mrs. Hodgeman to do this, and what she intends to do in the future, we do not know. We have, however, our suspicions and that is all the more reason why we cannot afford to permit Shishkin to step out of the picture. He is a reasonable minded person and I have a lot of respect for him. I doubt, however, whether my telegram has sufficiently cleared up the matter for him, and whether he intends to do anything until he is acquainted with all the developments in the case. I beg you to be good enough to say a word or two to him and ask him to stay on.

You will be delighted to know that as a result of some recent conferences and conversations, some of the most prominent men in the country including Hoover, Luce, Col. Sarnoff and Hollywood interests entered the picture and intend to take a leading part in the work and finances of the Council.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Nathaniel M. Minkoff
Secretary-Treasurer

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Madison Square
meeting
held

January 25, 1946

Miss Katherine Dunham
220 West 43rd street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Katherine:

Mr. Theodore E. Brown informs me that on Tuesday evening, January 22nd, he conferred with you with reference to your personal participation in a huge mass meeting currently being planned for Madison Square Garden, the evening of February 28th. This meeting which is being sponsored by the New York Division of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC is being promoted in an effort to activise public opinion in order that Congress will pass legislation forbidding discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color or national origin. I am Co-Chairman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

As you perhaps know the FEPC Bill is currently being fillibustered on the floor of the United States Senate. Not only do we have to be successful in the Senate but we still will need favorable action on the Bill in the House of Representatives. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the administration and the Congress be fully aware that the citizens are behind this Bill. To that end the Madison Square Garden meeting is one of many being staged throughout the nation in behalf of this legislation.

Mr. Brown states that you informed him that facilities in Madison Square Garden are not adequate for a dance exhibit but that you would be willing to personally appear in a skit which is currently being written for this occasion. This skit will help to dramatise the employment picture with respect to minorities in the economic life of our nation. Miss Helen Hayes and Mr. Canada Lee have accepted invitations to participate in this skit. We shall appreciate your participation in skit and I am herewith extending to you my personal thanks.

Hoping to hear from you in the very near future with reference to the issues herein stated and wishing you continued success especially in the operation of your new Dance Studio, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE
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January 3, 1946

Mr. Duke Ellington
William Morris Agency
1270 Sixth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Ellington:

Efforts towards a permanent F.E.P.C. are finally beginning to bear fruit in our Congress. The first two months of 1946 may well be the crucial period in the history of this vital issue, and we have high hopes that the fight for fair employment practices legislation we started in 1941 will be successfully culminated in 1946.

It is in connection with this fight that I am writing you. I would appreciate it greatly if I could see you for a few minutes while you are in New York this week. I will keep in touch with your office as to when you are expected, and I should appreciate it greatly if you could have your secretary call me for an appointment.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

June 28, 1946

Mr. Henry Epstein
30 Broad Street
New York 4, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Epstein:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of June 26th expressing your interest in the movement for a permanent FEPC committee and your willingness to be a part of the committee to carry on the financial campaign for this effort.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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June 26, 1946

Hon. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Re: Permanent F.E.P.C. Committee

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Please be assured of my hearty support to the program for a Permanent F.E.P.C. for the United States, and my willingness to serve on a committee.

My only regret is that I shall not be in the city on July 1st and so will not be able to attend your committee's initial meeting. Kindly accept my regrets and extend my best wishes to those present.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Epstein

Henry Epstein

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Madison Square
hold

January 23, 1946

Miss Lenora Ferber
Union for Democratic Action
9 East 46 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Ferber:

I hope this will satisfy you desires and if not I shall clear it up with you Friday.

Sincerely yours,

TG:KA

Theodore F. Green

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September 27, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street -- Room 301
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

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Your friend,

C. A. Franklin, Editor
THE KANSAS CITY CALL

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New York, N. Y.

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With best wishes, I am

Your friend,

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An answer was sent to his letter of Sept 27th by Mr McLain

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3456 South State Street
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JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER. I AM WIRING OUR OFFICE IN WASHINGTON TO SEND YOURRECORD OF CONGRESSMAN GILLESPIE ON FEPC.

A. Philip Randolph

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MR. C. A. FRANKLIN KANSAS CITY CALL
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CONGRESSMAN GILLESPIE'S RECORD ON FEPC NOT GOOD. DID NOT SIGN DISCHARGE PETITION OR MAKE ANY OTHER EFFORT TO SECURE ITS ENACTMENT. LETTER FOLLOWS.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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NC-FEPC
Kansas City Council

October 10, 1946

Mr. C. A. Franklin, Editor
Kansas City Call
1715 East 18th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear C.A.

I have your letters inquiring about information concerning Congressman Gillespie. I regret deeply to have kept you waiting so long, but your letters came at a time when I was in convention in Chicago, and from there I went to Denver.

I am glad to know of your interest in the FEPC. The record shows that Gillespie did not sign the Discharge Petition nor has he put forth any effort to secure its enactment. I consider this in keeping with his general anti-progressive attitude, and would consider it a victory if he is defeated.

I shall be coming your way sometime in the near future, and will be happy to have a chat with you. I regret deeply to learn of the unpleasantness that arose during the Slaughter campaign, but these things are common, especially when you are dealing in politics.

Trusting you are well and wishing you success in your efforts to electiour friends and defeat our enemies, I am

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC FEPC
NY Council

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Dear Phil:

I very much appreciate your Administrative Committee's praise of our pamphlet on our Gary operations. We are very proud of this job, and that the public shares in our estimate of it is indicated in the fact that our first printing of 25,000 copies is already exhausted. Manet Fowler is submerged far over her head by the deluge of responsibilities accompanying publication of this manual. Here in the League's offices we have not even been able to call on her for other jobs which are part of her regular responsibility and for which she is badly needed right away. Then, too, we are already laying plans for our 1947 financial appeal and this will draw heavily upon her time and energy.

For these reasons, much as I regret it, it is impossible for me to even consider loaning her out. Mr. Sherman, of course, was merely the consulting artist for the publication.

I am still giving deep thought to your request for League representation on your Administrative and Policy Committees, as well as the Board of Directors. It has been simply impossible for me during these last two years to take part in any activities besides those to which I am already committed. In fact, I have been dropping responsibilities, rather than assume new ones. The Urban League movement has grown tremendously since the beginning of the war, with more branches, more staff members, and more activities than ever before. We are raising an annual budget now of close to $200,000 for the National Office instead of the $50,000 we raised before the war. Our Board works me harder than ever before and calls come from our local Leagues that are incessant and intense. This increase of my own personal responsibility is only a sample of what's happened to every one of our National staff members.

This is one of the reasons why I have been unable to respond to calls such as yours in the past. At an early meeting of our Board of Directors, the whole question of policy in this respect will be discussed and the decisions arrived at at that meeting will determine the action taken on your important invitation and several others similar to it. It is simply a matter of not enough money and, therefore, not enough hands to do a job which steadily becomes bigger. We, therefore, must decide what hands will be assigned to which jobs.

I know that you must often have been faced with the need for similar decision and are, therefore, sympathetic regarding the plight in which I find myself. Will you let me answer your letter more definitely later on?

Sincerely yours,

Lester B. Granger,
Executive Secretary.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

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December 10, 1946

Mr. Lester B. Granger, Executive Secretary
National Urban League
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Lester:

Thanks a lot for your letter of December 6th in reply to my invitation and request to have the National Urban League designate certain officials to share in the work of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC on all three levels, administrative, policy-making and executive.

It is gratifying to learn of the fine expansion and work of the League, and I know that it imposes additional responsibilities upon you and the other officials. It makes it increasingly hard to take on new tasks. However, I wish that the Board of Directors may find it possible to permit you to serve on the Policy Committee. Members of the Policy Committee include Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, Jim Carey, Secretary CIO, Boris Shishkin, Economist of the AFL, Isiah Minkoff, Executive Director, National Administrative Advisory Council of Jewish Agencies, George Hunton, Secretary, Catholic Interracial Commission, George Weaver, CIO Committee Against Racial Discrimination, and Walter White, Secretary of the NAACP and myself.

The National Board of Directors include about fifty or more people representative of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Catholic organizations, A.F. of L. and CIO, and a number of other racial commissions. The Administrative Committee handles the day to day work of the Council and is a fair cross section of the abovenamed commissions.

We are in great need of your counsel and cooperation in this effort to secure a permanent federal FEPC, and hope that the Board of Directors of the Urban League will find it possible to permit you and Julius Thomas to serve on one of the committees.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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N.Y. Council
FEPC

February 18, 1946

Mr. William Green, President
American Federation of Labor
A. F. of L. Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Green:

On behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, I want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for your consent to address the monster Madison Square Garden rally for FEPC, February 28th at 8:00 P. M. We are looking forward to a tremendous meeting. Other speakers will be Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, Senator Wayne Morse and ex-Mayor LaGuardia, together with a few ministers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the prompt response you made in issuing a statement against the filibuster upon my request while you were at the Executive Council meeting in Miami. We are also appreciative of the statement of the Executive Council in favor of FEPC.

I also want to congratulate you upon bringing John L. Lewis back into the fold of the A.F. of L.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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~~Att – FEPC~~
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NY Council FEPC

March 6, 1946

Mr. William Green, President
American Federation of Labor
A.F.L. Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Green:

I want to express on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC our great appreciation for the forthright and statesman-like statement you sent to the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally to be presented by Mathew Woll, Vice President of the American Federation of Labor. I assure you that your statement sounded a note that rallied the enthusiasm of that great gathering of eighteen thousand or more people who had come to renew the struggle for FEPC. Brother Woll gave a fine introduction to your statement as well as a closing comment.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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March 13, 1946

Mr. William Green, President
American Federation of Labor
A. F. of L. Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Green:

In connection with our conversation over the telephone, March 12th, in which I requested you to join in a conference of a few key leaders of the church, labor and civic movements to give us the benefit of your great experience and wisdom on an over-all strategy for FEPC in view of the crisis the filibuster created in the Senate, may I say that the Conference is to be held in Washington around 10 a.m., March 18th. I will notify you of the place.

Brother Milton P. Webster and myself hope to see you on Tuesday, March 19th. We can arrange the time when I see you on Monday.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Washington 1, D. C.
March 14, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Room 301
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am pleased to learn the message I submitted to those in attendance at the Madison Square Garden meeting which was held under the auspices of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC by Vice President Woll was well received. I have received good reports of the meeting and was pleased to learn of the enthusiasm manifested by all in attendance in support of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

Very truly yours,

Wm Green

President,
American Federation of Labor

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QTH 2 STRAIGHT APRIL 29 1946=

WILLIAM GREEN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
AFL BUILDNG WASHINGTON DC=

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC REQUESTED ME TO REQUEST YOU TO DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO REPESENT THE AFL ON THE NATIONAL =EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL= THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON MAY 2ND 2 PM AT 930 F STREET NW WASHINTON= I WILL APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD HAVE THE PERSON DESIGNATED

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH UNITY HOUSE
FOREST PARK PA=

RE YOUR WIRE AUGUST SIXTEENTH EVIDENTLY SOME MISTAKE OR MISUNDERSTANDING HAS OCCURRED STOP I DID NOT TENDER MY RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PERMANENT FEPC = BORIS SHISHKIN TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION BECAUSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT OVER NOT BEING ACCORDED SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ATTEND MEETINGS WHICH YOU CALLED= FEEL SURE SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDING CAN BE REACHED WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF

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RESIGNATION OF MR SHISHKIN I WILL TAKE IT UP WITH HIM WHEN
I RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS=

WILLIAM GREEN= HAZEL ALVES=

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT=
B R OTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS ROOM 301=

REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAMS WILL RESPOND TO YOUR REQUEST TO JOIN WITH YOUR DELEGATION IN CALLING UPON PRESIDENT TRUMAN. HOWEVER IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO SO ON SEPTEMBER TWELFTH. CAN PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN SOME TIME FOLLOWING WEEK SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH=

WM GREEN PRESIDENT
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

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QTH 2 STRAIGHT AUGUST 26 1946=

WILLIAM GREEN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
AFL BUILDING WASHINGTON DC=

A COMMITTE COMPOSED OF GEORGE HUNTON SECRETARY INTERRACIAL CATHOLIC COMMISSION, ISIAH MINKOFF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMITTEE OF JEWISH AGENCIES, AND THE UNDERSIGNED WISH A CONFERENCE WITH YOU FRIDAY DURING THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON= CALLED YOU BUT YOU WERE OUT OF TOWN= COMMITTEE WILL APPRECIATE APPOINTMENT FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MATTER CONCERNING NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC=

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH=
ROOM 301 217 WEST 125 ST=

REGRET CAN NOT SEE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES ON FRIDAY AS YOU REQUEST I HAVE TO LEAVE ON FRIDAY FOR TULSA OKLAHOMA WHERE I AM SCHEDULED TO DELIVER MY LABOR DAY ADDRESS=

WILLIAM GREEN PRESIDENT AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

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The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
Industrial Relations Division

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297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

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May 29, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I regret that absence from the city made it impossible for me to attend what I am certain was a very important meeting of the FEPC Council on May 27th.

I had the pleasure of reading Dr. Brazeal's recent volume THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS. It struck me as an illuminating and authenticated story of the Brotherhood which has played such an outstanding part, both in the field of industrial and racial issues.

Sincerely yours,

Cameron P. Hall

Cameron P. Hall

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June 3, 1946

Mr. Cameron P. Hall
The Federal Council of
Churches of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Brother Hall:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 29th expressing your regret upon your inability to attend the meeting of the FEPC Council.

I am glad you enjoyed reading the book on the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters by Dr. Brazeal.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Mad Sq meeting
Recd

January 3, 1946

Mr. W. C. Handy
1650 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

My dear Handy:

The New York Council for a Permanent FEPC plans to hold a Madison Square Garden Meeting, February 28th. It is our purpose to make this one of the greatest meetings in the history of New York. To this end, we are getting prominent citizens of New York to sponsor the meeting. May I request you to be one of the sponsors?

Now, in addition to serving as a sponsor of the meeting, I want to request you to compose, if possible, a theme song on FEPC. Of course we haven't got a quarter and we cannot offer to pay anything but we will appreciate immensely this contribution of yours to the cause of FEPC, if you find it convenient.

With cordial good wishes and the season's greeting, I am

Very sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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March 2, 1946.

Rev. S. D. Hodge
733 Ocean Avenue
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Reverend Hodge:

I want you to know how very much I regret the fact that you were not introduced to bring your greetings to the Madison Square Garden Rally Thursday night. I know you will believe me when I assure you that it was unintentional and was the result of last minute rearrangements in the program due to the radio schedule and the late arrival of some of the speakers. It meant a great deal to us to have you over and to know how much you had done to make the meeting a success.

I hope you will forgive us and that we can count on your continued cooperation in the great and important fight ahead for the passage of a permanent FEPC law.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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Madison Square
meeting

January 3, 1946

Mr. Ollie Harrington
165 West 14th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Permit me personally to express my great appreciation for the fine job you did for the cause of FEPC in the symbol for our poster and other advertising material. It is a masterpiece and I want you to know that the National Council for a Permanent FEPC as a whole is deeply appreciative of it.

With cordial good wishes and the season's greetings, I am

Very sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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NC FEPC Field Office Staff

January 15, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
230 West 150th Street
Apt. 3 B, House B
New York City

Dear Mr. Randolph

I had just mailed you a letter when I found in today's mail a letter from Mr. McLaurin, a copy of which I am attaching to this note. I resent very much paragraph 2 which is certainly quite arbitrary. I can understand that there is need to talk this situation through and that we cannot continue to function without funds, but this is not the kind of game in which arbigrary decisions can be made without real conference with your executive secretary on all that is involved.

May I make the formal request that a meeting of the Executive Committee be called for full and thoughtful discussion? Please, however, do not call such a meeting unless you ahd Dr. Chalmers can be present.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. McLaurin and copies of both letters to Dr. Chalmers and Mr. Hunton, since Mr. McLaurin mentions having conferred with them.

Cordially yours

Ann

Anna Arnold Hedgeman
Executive Secretary

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January 14, 1946

Mrs. Ann Arnold Hedgeman, Nat'l, Ex. Sec'y.
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ann:

A few days ago I had a conversation with Sidney on the question of cutting the staff in order to make possible the continuation of the very fine work you are doing. I promised to call her back after conversing with Randolph, but unfortunately I could get no telephone service through, not even from Baltimore, from where I am just returning.

I therefore take this opportunity, after careful consideration of the facts involved, and with the collaboration of Randolph, Chalmers, Hunton, and others, that since the staff is being called to Washington, January 19th, that you inform them that we will no longer be able to keep them on our payroll. This does not include the services of Mrs. Douglas who will be kept on the payroll for a limited time, at least. On the question of Mr. Zatkin, may I say that his services will be carried through until the 26th because you feel that he might hurt your 23rd program.

I hope that most things are working together well and that you will find it possible to accept an engagement in Jacksonville, Florida sometime in the near future.

With warm personal regards to the staff, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) B. F. McLaurin
Int'l. Field Organizer

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH 216

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I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO INFORM STAFF TODAY THAT UNLESS FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING IMMEDIATELY I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RESIGN AND TERMINATE THE STAFF'S SERVICES YOUR TOTAL DISREGARD OF OUR CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING FINANCIAL NEEDS SINCE LAST OCTOBER MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ANY INTELLIGENT EXPLAINATION OF THE PRESENT FINANCIAL

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W. M. ARMSTRONG GENERAL MANAGER
TORONTO

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CRISIS TO A WELL QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL STAFF OUR CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL BIG GIVERS LAST WEEK WERE FRUITLESS BECAUSE OF THIS APPARENT LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY IN PLANNING AHEAD FOR A NATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF THIS FIGHT I WROTE YOU IN JANUARY THAT I COULD NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE JOBS AND ALSO RAISE THE FUNDS WHILE YOU DID NOT ANSWER THAT LETTER YOUR VERBAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE

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W. M. ARMSTRONG GENERAL MANAGER
TORONTO

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUND RAISING HAS MADE THIS SITUATION
AN ACUTELY EMBARRASSING ONE FOR US AS WE ATTEMPT TO
INTERPRET OUR PRESENT NEED TO THE PUBLIC IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT FUNDS BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY TO PAY ALREADY INCURRED
OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING SALARIES VACATION PAY RENT
THE SCHIEFFELIN LOAN PRINTING POSTAGE ETC WHICH ROUGHLY
AMOUNT TO $18,000 IT SEEMS REGRETTABLE THAT AFTER THE
AMOUNT OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND SACRIFICE WHICH HAS BEEN

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PUT INTO THIS FIGHT AND JUST AT A TIME WHEN THIS ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED TO THE EXTENT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE COMMITMENTS FROM LUCE, DONOVAN, POLETTI, ROSENBERG, QUIGLEY, AND OTHERS WE MUST NOW ABANDON IT SIMPLY FOR LACK OF FUNDS AND PERMIT SOME OTHER ORGANIZATION TO CARRY IT TO FRUITION

ANNA ARNOLD HEDGEMAN.

2185 E. 70th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio
March 20, 1946

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, president
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
Room 301
New York 27, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I wish to assure you now that this will be a short letter, Ha! ha! ha'. It just seems at times that I must explode and your letter being the first I dictated gave me a great release from my pent-up energies, and I am glad to add that each and every day I feel better and better; so I am now confident of the fact that I will be able to battle with the Big Four on next Monday. To date I do not know where they plan their meeting; but a few telephone calls will bring me this information. You know Phillip I need to be psychoanalized because without a doubt I have pugnistic tendancies. The truth of the matter is I have been on 51st street too long. If it is any news to you, I am not thinking of going back. Judge Eastman agrees that I have done enough for his department to take life a little easier; so I understand that I will get a new district, being a Negro and getting that much unexpected consideration I told him about F.E.P.C. Mum is the word; but he has already promised me a conference for August at which time he will let me know whether he thinks it is feasible to recommend me for the position of supervisor. Phillip if I get that with just merely asking for it, the next thing he knows I will be questioning whether his employment practices are fair and then want to know if my years of faithful service, plus scholarship would put me in line as assistant case supervisor, Ha! ha'. ha'. I still agree with you, that the reason black folks don't get anything is that they don't have sense enough to ask God and the white man for it.

I might as well admit that I just contacted the State Liquor Store and talked with their cashier who sent me two pints of #31 - 4 year-old Bourbon. Honest I have haven't had a nip yet. I thought I better write your letter first. But even the thoughts of old Bourbon gives me illusions of grandeur.

Now to a more serious discussion. I neglected to enclose the letter which I received from Mr. Sharpe. I am doing it at the present time. Hearing nothing from Mr. Wells I telephoned his

his everlasting pain-loving wife. After she discussed her infirmaries for about a half-hour and acquainted me with the fact that she had not finished altering some dresses which I sent to her about a month ago I learned that she had not quite completed her task, much to my disgust. Now a woman sitting around all the time and can talk as long as she can over the phone is well enough to do four simple alterations in a month. When I finished talking with her I did not blame poor Wells for falling occassionally for the glorious chicks, Ha! ha ! ha! Mr. Wells entered the hospital last evening and will be operated on at Lakeside Hospital which is located at 2065 Adelbert Rd. Room 3015. I am sending him some flowers today for his kind treatment of me, ha! ha! Don't you find that the best way to crucify Negroes who double-cross you is to give them a big dose of human kindness, ha!ha'. ha! I realize that he can be useful to me; so I don't intend to let him get from beneath my control. Should you desire to send him flowers, do not wire them, they are too expensive. You can get a nice plant which will last for a week for $3.50. If you want me to I will gladly order one from my florist and he will not bill me until April 1st. I understand from Mrs. Wells, the chronic complainer, that the Brotherhood has opened up an office on E. 55th Street. I must find out as soon as possible if they need a competent stenographer, If so I will gladly recommend Mrs. Myrtle Lampkin who has offered to bring my correspondence up to date free of charge to me... Of course I plan to pay her for fear she might demand a fee later or greater than I can afford. She does have a lovely disposition which is an asset to any typist.

I do hope that you and Mrs. Randolph are feeling much better. By the way, I called up Dr. George Johnson yesterday and let him know how much I appreciated what he had done for F.E.P.C. You know Mr. Randolph He is not a bad-looking man and I regret that F.E.P.C. kept me from excepting a luncheon date with him. The call was quite worth while. He has great admiration for you and appreciation for Mrs. Hedgeman's ability. Warn her however, to give him more notice than she did when she requested his help prior to the F.E.P.C. meeting in Washington. He feels that she has a tendancy to put off important matters until the last minute. Personally I like Mrs. Hedgeman, but might as well know that I feel that her little power has gone to her head. A woman in her position who sits up front should bring me a new glamourous hat and a hundred dollar suit for two days in succession. I never got so tired of looking at that little drab $25.00 suit which she wore throughout the conference. Didn't she wear that same hat when she had her picture taken for a booklet entitled "Ambitions that Cannot be Fenced In." bySnow Grisby of Detroit Mich. who, by the way, married a classmate of mine. Snow is quite interested in F.E.P.C. and loves his race. If Smith had sense enough he would capitalize on this and therefore enlist it Grisby's support in his fight for funds for F.E.P.C. Snow is the editor of the National Alliance of Postal Employees and resides at 3762 Seyburn Ave., Detroit 14, Mich. The trouble with old Smith is that the Negro never would have had such a fine office had it not been for the Brotherhood. He thinks he is a 'hot papa', I sure can pan your brotherhood leaders can't I. Well in other words Phillip, You might as well know that I feel you need better brains than you have to support you. No man living can supplant you now. And with ease you can make these P. H. D.'s like Dr. G. Johnson come at your beck and call. Of course I'll admit I am kinda sorry that Dr. Johnson happens to be married. That don't keep me from saying however, that he is truly a legal genius and that there is something mighty nice about him. You know today I planned to write a letter to another man of brains, by the name Johnson Buchanan who lives at 1201 C.I.O. Bldg. 132 N. Saginau Street, Saginau, Mich. He is not so easy on the eye as Dr. Johnson, but the man has brains. He tried hard to get some recognition from you at the conference; but did not. Of course I had lunch with him and I left no stone unturned to let him know that I appreciated his ability and that I bet if you ever happen to go to Michigan that you would call him at his office where the phone number is 5-5121. Home number 9-6348. You know when Negroes are striving to get power they will support even a worth while cause like the F.E.P.C. This Negro told me that all his expenses were paid. When He told me that I ate and ate and ate. By the way, I intend to take spanish from one of Mr. Pierson's instructors. I am suppose to pay $2.50 a lesson; so I got two of my other friends to agree that they would share this cost. Next week I begin my lessons in spanish because Mr. Pierson told me that I could pass for Mexican. Now Phillip this was good news because up until then I never knew that I could pass for any thing other than a plain old Nig. ha! ha! Now Phillip I am raising cain with the Ohio Bell telephone Co. I want you to enclose in your next letter a note To Whom It May Concern stating that we were disconnected on 2/6/46. I am contending that I wrote out the information which I sent you and that the call should have been based on a 4-minute rate and therefore should not have exceeded $2.35. Miss Denzine of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. was quite nice; but her supervisor was rather defiant and I told her that I would pay my entire telephone bill just as I had done in the past but I refused to pay the $5.15 because I felt that the charges were unfair. I am sending in my check today, maybe, and I am omitting the $5.15. I told her that you would verify the fact that we were disconnected. The poor old soul did not know what F.E.P.C. stood for until I told her. I don't believe she had even heard of the Brotherhood. What makes white folk so dumb, ha! ha! ha!

I neglected to tell you in my last letter that Mr. Pierson visited me at the hospital. The nurses all admitted that he was one good-looking man. Of course I told them that he was just as hot as he looked. Since then I have invited Mr. Pierson to have lunch with me since I am a convelescent. I pity him if he eats my food. Then I will know that he owes me a lot and Phillip you can depend upon me to collect Ha! ha! ha!. Well I must sign off. You realize that I am just a convelescent who demands and gets a great deal of sympathy from people who are deeply obligated to me.

Yours sincerely
The fool from E. 51st Str.

Clementine M Hedges

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2185 E. 70th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio
March 22, 1946

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, president
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
Room 301
New York 27, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I know you are quite busy and will answer my letters as soon as you have the opportunity to do so. I am very glad in a way that you haven't a chance to answer them especially when I think of the many cards and letters you have sent me from time to time which I did not answer. A few more letters from me unanswered by you will make us even. Ha! ha'. ha'.

I knew you wanted to know how Mr. Wells is getting along. He has had his operation and I learned from his wife that he is getting along quite well. She is quite pleased that the Brotherhood here is so attentive. I could not help but laugh to myself when she told me that she is glad they called on him in the evening. She seems afraid that if she goes out alone that she will be attacked by some hoodlum. She entered a long discourse telling me how she could not remain very long at the hospital because of the smell of ether. After this she discussed her numerous operations. Poor Mrs. Wells does not know that the new chemicals they use now days leaves such a faint odor of ether that few people can detect it. I called up several of Mr. Wells' friends including Mr. Pierson and told them of his illness because I knew Poor Mrs. Wells was too frusterated. She was especially anxious for Jean Capers and Flo Curry to know about her husbands illness. Mum is the word. But when I called Flo she told me in a rather disgusted tone of voice that she knew he was going to the hospital because he had been to her home the night before. Of course I played very dumb and then laughed to myself and said "Does a woman ever know her husband, ha! ha! ha! Of course since Jean thinks so much of me I sent word to her by Flo to come by the house and get the necessary information so that she could sell me a new automobile license plate. She is operating a bureau in the E. 55th St. area. I still contend that business is business and for the sake of F.E.P.C. personal likes and dislikes must be ignored for the present.

I just thought that I had better send you a copy of the auditors' report. Do you feel that we should ask for a more complete audit which would tell who received the salaries, rents, traveling expenses etc. I wonder what kind of prizes they bought with the $206.25. Personally I know that I can't afford at this time to bring the matter up; but I could call this to the attention of several interested friends whom I am expecting to contribute heavily to the F.E.P.C.

I am enclosing the two notices which I received today informing me of the meeting Monday. You see, this is wasted money, only a penny I'll admit; but if enough is wasted, up goes the expense of postage. I just received a letter from Mr. Prattis of the Pittsburgh Courier and he told me " I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Schuyler in New York. Well I feel kind of proud to think that he didn't throw it in the waste basket. Ha! ha '. ha'.

As you have already surmized, I am doing fine and holding my own. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Randolph.

Yours sincerely

Clementine

Clementine M. Hedges

CMH:ml

CLEVELAND COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMISSION

March 24, 1945 Ending 2/11/46

Cash Receipts

Membership	$3,195.82
Benefits	1,497.40
Audit Adjustments	1.00
Loans Payable	1,326.00
	6,020.22

Cash Disbursements

Salaries	$ 145.50	
Telegrams	28.09	
Publicity & advertising	645.05	
Supplies	198.82	
Rental for Meeting	254.00	
Prizes	206.25	
Mimeograph	72.94	
Bank Service Charge	.71	
Transcript	30.25	
Printing	415.05	
Photography	4.00	
Loan Payable	1,326.00	
Variety Show	1,376.00	
Traveling Expense	235.00	
Ticket Transfer	156.00	
State & Federal Tax	239.38	
Total -		$5,333.63

Auditors' Note: Cash in Cleveland Trust Bank	686.59

FINANCIAL REPORT
Williams Audit Service
7818 Cedar Ave.
Cleveland 3, Ohio

En. 6144

FEPC
Cleveland Council

April 1, 1946

Miss Clementine M. Hedges
2165 East 70th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Clementine:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 22nd with copy of the audit report for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I think it is complete enough and gives a full picture of all the transactions. I hope that the local Cleveland Council will be able to carry on a successful campaign for raising funds. In carrying on a fight such as this, we will have to rally everybody that is available to join in the struggle, because it is too big for just a few people.

I think that the local council there will do a good job. I appreciate what they have done.

I am glad to know that you are better. Wells told me that you had been ill. Now Wells is down, but I understand he is getting along all right.

We have a hard fight ahead for FEPC, because we want to get it through this Congress if possible. This means that we have got to fight night and day.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC
Cleveland Council

April 25, 1946

Miss Clementine M. Hodges
21[illegible] East 70th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Clem:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 20th. It was quite informative. I am glad to know that you are better and out of the hospital and ready to battle for the FEPC.

We are trying to turn heaven and earth over to get the Discharge Petition in the House signed and the bill in the Senate off the calendar so as to get action on FEPC in this Congress because if we don't the minorities and especially the Negro are going to have a terrible time when unemployment begins to spread. In fact the papers are carrying advertisements for white workers and gentile workers only.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:hm
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Apartment 315
11 East 56th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
January 2, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Thank you for your letter of December 31. I am outlining below elements in my experience applicable to the position of executive director of the National Council.

I was one of the first members of the staff of the Fair Employment Practice Committee and served first as field representative and acting head of the government section in Washington and later as regional director in Chicago where I remained until the committee was abolished. Inasmuch as the operations of FEPC are entirely familiar to you and the Council I will not describe my work with the agency. This can be done in detail, however, if you wish.

During the period of greatest agitation prior to the successful culmination of your efforts to obtain Executive Order 8802, I was executive secretary of the Chicago Branch, NAACP and had occasion to participate in the local efforts in this regard. This included our sending a large delegation to Washington in March 1941 and placing a mass picket line around the Bauer and Black Company in protest against its refusal to employ Negroes. The company later changed its practices. We were successful in arousing the community to the issue of fair employment and assisted the great work of the March On Washington Committee. It goes without saying that as regional director of FEPC in Chicago I assisted to the fullest extent the various groups working for a permanent committee. I believe it can be truthfully said that at no time has our community ever responded so wholeheartedly as it has to the issue of fair employment.

In 1940, I was appointed director of a legislative commission created by act of the Illinois General Assembly to study the conditions of the urban colored population of our state and make appropriate recommendations for improvement. Our report was submitted to the Assembly in Springfield early in 1941 and is on file with that body. My experience here gave me an intimate knowledge of the legislative process and an opportunity to guide certain bills sponsored by the commission through the House and Senate. The Illinois law against job discrimination, the first passed by any state, was an outgrowth of our efforts.

I have an A.B. degree from Morgan College and an A.M. from the University of Chicago. I have published articles in the *Monthly Labor Review*, *Social Forces* and *Opportunity*. Just prior to joining the staff of FEPC, I taught sociology at Dillard University in New Orleans. I am 33 years old, unmarried and my last salary was $6440.

I know personally some of the key figures in the major parties such as Val J. Washington, assistant Chairman, Republican National Committee and Congressman William L. Dawson, assistant chairman, Democratic National Committee, many of the labor, civic and religious leaders in Washington and, during my travel over most of the country, many of the local figures with whom the National Council must deal and from whom it will seek support.

I have never been identified with any political faction and have worked with and can work with all of them. I am also familiar with the general principles which motivate the leaders of the National Council and am in hearty agreement with them all. I can submit a detailed list of references if you so desire.

Recently, I have accepted employment with a national committee on segregation in the nation's capital to begin immediately at a salary of $5500. but I would be glad to forego this opportunity for work with the National Council. I can be reached in Chicago until January 12 and afterwards in care of Dr. E. Franklin Frazier at Howard University in Washington D.C. where my office will be located. I would be glad to visit New York for a conference at my own expense.

I believe the passage of our proposed legislation is imperative for the future well being of our country and all of its peoples and would like to aid the effort in any way possible. I will appreciate any consideration you may give this application.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer W. Henderson

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January 15, 1946

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson
11 East 56 Street, Apt. 818
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Elmer:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 2nd as an application for the position of Executive Director of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I will be glad to present this to our Personnel Committee. I know you are a capable and effective worker.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SERVICES AS DIRECTOR FAIR EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL BELIEVE EXCELLENT POSSIBILITIES FOR PASSAGE OF BILL THIS SESSION PLEASE ADVISE RETURN WIRE COLLECT STATUS OF POSITION AND ANY CONSIDERATION I MAY BE GIVEN WOULD BE GLAD TO VISIT NEW YORK FOR CONFERENCE AT MY EXPENSE BEST WISHES FOR NEW YEAR=

ELMER W HENDERSON 11 EAST 56TH ST.

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December 31, 1946

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson
11 East 56 Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Elmer:

Received your telegram requesting consideration for the place of Executive Director of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. Kindly send memorandum of your background, training and experience and I will be glad to submit it to the Administrative Committee which is handling personnel. I too believe we have a good opportunity to get the bill for a fair employment practice committee through this Congress and we are working to that end.

Sincerely yours,

APR:be

A. Philip Randolph
International President

MC-FEPC
NY Council

February 2[illegible], 1946.

Mr. Roger Baldwin
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Roger:

No news about the Madison Square Garden Rally for the FEPC has been as welcome to us as your generous acceptance of our request to take the collection. This is a delicate and difficult task, but not a thankless one!

As far as I know, Orson Welles will talk briefly just before you, but he is a very temperamental person and until I hear him making the talk I won't be sure about it. - If you know what I mean!

You have probably seen the stories in the papers and our ads so that you know more or less what kind of program we are having. I am attaching to this letter a copy of the program. Please do not be dismayed by it. And surely knowing Madison Square Garden meetings of old, you will not be.

Every speaker has been very carefully timed and the longest speech will only be ten minutes. We believe that the collection will start about ten-thirty, and it needs to be in the "old style" of asking for large contributions and then going right down to the ten-cent collection. We believe that we have plenty of ushers for the collection, and they will be equipped with pledge cards, blank checks and pencils. If you want any special instructions to go to them, call me or send me a note and I will see that it is done.

Do let me know also if you like the idea of having the 1000-voice choir sing softly during part of the collection.

The expenses of the meeting have been gigantic, as you know, and the purpose of it is not only to make people aware of

February 25, 1946.

Mr. Roger Baldwin
Page 2.

the vitality of the movement for a permanent FEPC, but also to raise funds for the National Council.

We hope that there will be wealthy people in the house and [illegible] and that some large contributions will be forthcoming from unions, but specific advance pledges we have none.

Again I want you to know what a scholar and gentleman you are to accept this difficult job, and how delighted all of us are that you are doing it. Have you received the platform tickets that were sent to you, and is Evelyn coming with you? I hope so.

It will be good to see you, and if you want me, you can reach me at Longacre [illegible], Ext. [illegible] ([illegible] Room [illegible]).

Sincerely yours,

Mary W. Hillyer

MWH:b
Enc.
cc: Max Delson
✓A. Philip Randolph
✓Maida Springer

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Mr. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing carbons of the thank-you letters I have written, and I am also sending a set to Maida. Here, too, are the clippings from today's papers, or I should say "tearings" as we have no scissors, and a few of the earlier stories which you perhaps didn't see. I have put Ted Posten's story first because it more than any other captured the spirit of the meeting.

I want to tell you again how much I appreciated the opportunity of working on the Garden Meeting, and I hope that it is only the beginning of an active group supporting the National Council work here in New York City. If there is ever anything I can do, you know that you can always call on me.

I am going away for a week or two, and when I get back to town I will call you and I hope we can have that date for lunch or dinner. If you see Ted Posten before then, get him to tell you of the experience we had in a restaurant today as I was coming in and he was on his way to get a cop.

With best wishes as always, and knowing that you will keep up the good fight.

Sincerely,

Mary W. Hillyer

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N.Y. Council FEPC

March 12, 1946

Miss Mary Hillyer
15 East 69th Street
New York City

Dear Mary:

Just a word to say how greatly I appreciate the splendid job you did in helping to build that fine Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally. I am glad that it was possible for you to help us.

I hope that we will be able to build a strong New York Council for FEPC, now.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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The National Board
Young Womens Christian Associations
of the United States of America

600 Lexington Ave., New York 22, N. Y. Telephone: PLaza 3-4700 Cable Address: Emissarius, New York

June 25, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
National Council for a
Permanent FEPC
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mrs. Henry A. Ingraham asks me to acknowledge for her your telegram of June 21 regarding the emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC to be held tomorrow.

Mrs. Ingraham has never accepted membership on your Executive Committee, since she is unable to take on new responsibilities, much as she would have liked to serve on your committee. Therefore, we suggest that you discontinue notices of meetings to Mrs. Ingraham.

With regret that there seems to have been any misunderstanding about Mrs. Ingraham's membership,

Sincerely yours,

Harriet Hitchcock

Harriet Hitchcock
Assistant
General Administration

Mrs. Arthur Forrest Anderson
President

Mrs. Harrison S. Elliott
General Secretary

NC-FEPC
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July 5, 1946

Miss Harriet Hitchcock, Assistant
General Administration
The National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Hitchcock:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of June 26, 1946 indicating that Mrs. Ingraham cannot be a part of the FEPC Executive Committee and that we should remove her name from the list. I am sorry that we got confused on this matter. I can understand her being unable to be a part of too many things.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NY Council
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January 30, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Your letter of January 25th addressed to Miss Bresette has been received in her absence. Miss Bresette is in Boston, Massachusetts at the present time and when she returns to the office your letter will be brought to ther attention.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Holloran
Secretary to
Miss Linna E. Bresette

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March 1, 1946.

Dr. George K. Hunton, Secretary
Catholic Inter-Racial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Hunton:

I want you to know how very much I appreciated your fine address last night. Your cooperation with us in the fight for permanent FEPC legislation is deeply appreciated.

The meeting last night was a magnificent demonstration of the desire of the people of New York for a permanent FEPC law.

It is good to know you are with us in this fight.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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NC-FEPC
NY Council

copy to Wayne Morris Morse
Sen. Wagner
Sen. Chavez
William Green
Philip Murray

January 22, 1946

Hon. Harold L. Ickes
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Ickes:

A filibuster is now raging on the floor of the Senate against the Fair Employment Practice Committee. Knowing you as I do, I know that your spirit revolts against this exhibition of intolerance on the part of these Southern Senators. I also know that you represent the quality of character and spirit in our nation that wants to do something about questions of this sort.

Now, a few civic-minded people, realizing the need for such a fight as this to enact legislation for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, organized the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, of which Senator Capper and Senator Wagner are the Honorary Chairmen.

To the end of mobilizing public sentiment back of the Bills in Congress for a Fair Employment Practice Commission, we are holding a series of nation-wide public meetings, the biggest of which will be held in Madison Square Garden in New York City, February 28th. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the Honorary Chairman of the Committee sponsoring this meeting. The Committee is a cross section of Jews, Catholics, Negroes, A. F. of L. and C. I. O. We need to have someone whose life is an expression of the revolt against racial and religious intolerance, and there is no one fits this purpose better than you.

Therefore, our Committee agreed that we want to request and urge you to speak at our meeting in Madison Square Garden, February 28th on FEPC. We hope that you will serve us on this occasion and the cause of national religious and racial tolerance.

If you wish to know more about our National Council for a Permanent FEPC, may I refer you to Mr. Felix Cohen, your Assistant.

We are hoping that you will be with us on this occasion, because it will mean everything to our fight for FEPC.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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MRS HENRY INGRAHAM PRESIDENT
NATIONAL BOARD OF YMCA
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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC HAILS THE HISTORIC AND PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION OF YOUR GREAT ORGANIZATON= WE CONSIDER YOUR INSTITUTION AN EXPRESSION OF THE MORAL ORDER WHICH SHOULD CONSTITUTE HE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD POLICIES F THE GREAT POWER NATIONS= WE URGE YOUR GIVING SUPPORT TO THEEPOCH MAKING FIGHT FOR =BILLS S 101 AND HR 2232 NOW BEFORE CONGRESS FOR A

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH COCHAIRMAN

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This was matter
I had hoped to talk about
when I told you to see me in
while in Washington
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KINDLY REPRESENT PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT FEPC MASS MEETING MADISON SQUARE GARDEN TONIGHT FEBRUARY 28TH

GEORGE A PARKER NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

EXS 1210P.

This was to inform the body that the Sigma Nat Board, which was to have met in Washington Feb 23, but was postponed until March 9 at Louisville, had been authorized by the last Conclave to make a donation to the movement for F.E.C.P. to be governed by the Board's finding as to means at Louisville meeting. [illegible] Expect shortly a substantial check.

J. A. Jackson
Phi Beta Sigma

MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION
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1600 EYE STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

ERIC JOHNSTON
PRESIDENT

June 5, 1946

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mrs. Rosenberg has written me requesting that I see you.

I shall be happy to do so on Friday, June 7th, at 10:00 A.M., if this is convenient for you.

Yours very truly,

Eric Johnston

President

CC: Mrs. Anna Rosenberg.

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 SOUTH STATE STREET 5TH FL=
CHICAGO ILL=

RECEIVED SPECIAL DELIVERY FOLLOWING: MRS ROSENBERG HAS WRITTEN ME REQUESTING THAT I SEE YOU= I SHALL TO DO SO ON FRIDAY JUNE 7TH AT 10:00 AM IF THIS IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU=

ERIC JOHNSTON PRESIDENT
MOTION PICTURE ASSOCATION

ONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

1600 EYE STREET N
WASHINGTON, DC
NAXEL ALVES,

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To Mr. A. Philip Randolph June 6, 1946 19

Street Address 3456 S. State St., 5th fl.

City Chicago

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Received special delivery following: "Mrs. Mosenberg has writtem me requesting that I see you. I shall be happy to do so on Friday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m., if this is convenient for you."

Eric Johnston, President,
Motion Pictures Association
1600 Eye Stree, N. Y., Washington, D.C.

/s/ Hazel Alves

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference *Sender's Telephone Number*

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June 6, 1946 19

To Mr. Eric Johnston

Street Address President, Motion Pictures Asso.

City 1600 Eye Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Appreciate telegram consenting to meet with me upon the suggestion of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg. Keenly regret that business detains me in Chicago and will be unable to see you on Friday. When I return East I will get in touch with you and see if it is possible to arrange another date.

A. Philip Randolph

N-C-FEPC
NY Council

Sender's Telephone Number

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO
DEPARTAMENTO DEL TRABAJO
JUNTA DE RELACIONES DEL TRABAJO DE PUERTO RICO
SAN JUAN, P. R.

a friend of
Budd Wilson
— for a job

Puerto Rico Labor Relations Board,
5 Calle Desposito,
San Juan, Puerto Rico,
August 14, 1946.

Mr. Elmo Roper,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roper:

It was nice seeing you again during my recent trip to New York and I hope that when I return there early next month you will find it possible to spare me a little bit more of your time, since I expect to make at that time a determined effort to land the New York job I have been aiming at for so long now.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a few copies of an up-to-date file on myself which I had mimeographed at Dick Woods' suggestion. It may be that you will know of someone who might be interested in it and, if so, I trust you will pass a copy along.

I should be interested indeed to discuss further with you or others the possibility of working for a copple of years on a permanent FEPC drive. I trust that the remarks I had to make on the harm our Commie friends do on occasion in their championing of such causes will not be indicative of any lack of either interest or faith in the work itself. It's just that I like to know whose voice it is when I touch Esau's hand.

Of course, I still have great interest in a Time connection and I should also like to discuss with you the possibilities in your own organization.

At any rate, I am going to try to land the fish I have been angling for this September.

Thanking you for your past kindness and interest, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Kane

Stanley D. Kane.

P. S. If you have anything of interest to write, it takes air-mail to get it to Puerto in decent time. sdk.

Stanley D. Kane
4106 Turnpike Road, Route 9, Golden Valley, Minneapolis, 16, Minnesota.

Married: two children. 35 years of age.

Education: University of Minnesota.
B. A. magna cum laude; major, Romance Languages; minor, Psychology; independent minor, Comparative Literature. Completed undergraduate work in three years.
M. A.; major, Romance Languages, minor, History.
LL. B.; Minnesota College of Law; stood first in class.

Honors and extracurricular activities; Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Delta Chi (professional journalistic); Lambda Alpha Psi (literary and linguistic); Masquers (dramatics); Ben Jonson Club (informal discussion club); Classical Club; founder and for two years, president of Spanish Club.
Staff of Ski-U-Mah, humor magazine.
Staff of the Minnesota Daily: reporter, sports reporter, drama and literary critic, columnist, editor-in-chief in senior year.
Annual literary award of the Minnesota Quarterly.

Experience:

The Minneapolis Journal (for one year between high school and college); reporter.

Teaching Fellow at the University of Minnesota; Department of Romance Languages; two years.

General manager of the Allied Theater Owners of the Northwest from 1935 to 1937. This is a trade association and duties included managing the office, writing and editing the organization's Bulletin, collecting data on the motion picture industry, negociations with film companies and labor organizations, speaking on industry topics before various groups and conducting of meetings and conventions. Also served as legislative representative before city councils and state legislatures.

Dental Survey Publications: From 1937 to 1944 served as Assistant to the Publisher of this organization and managing editor of all of its publications. Wrote features, editorials and news and general stories, and handled all of the firm's promotion. Served as public relations and publicity council for the Pierre Fauchard Academy, national organization of dentists.

Attorney and Trial Examiner, National Labor Relations Board, 1944 -. All efficiency ratings: "Excellent".

Currently on leave of absence and in Puerto Rico at invitation of Government of Puerto Rico, assisting Puerto Rico Labor Relations Board in establishing procedures for administration of the recently enacted Puerto Rico Labor Relations Act.

For the last six years have engaged in a limited amount of legal practice largely in field of municipal corporations, taxation and title matters.

Other present work and activities:

Village Attorney, for the Village of Golden Valley, Minnesota; Justice of the Peace (two terms); Member of Board of Directors of Glenwood Hills Hospitals, Minneapolis, Minnesota Hospital Service Association (Blue Cross), and Phi Beta Kappa Association of Minnesota; member Public Relations Committee of Hennepin County Bar Association; currently president of Golden Valley Property Owners' Association and Golden Valley Commercial Club; on faculty of Minnesota College of law.

July 10, 1946

Mr. Morris Kolchin
Executive Director
Affiliated Dress Manufacturers
Association
1440 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kolchin:

On behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC and myself personally, may I take this opportunity of extending to you my heartfelt appreciation for your genuine interest in the great cause of securing legislation which will open the channels of employment to everyone regardless of race, color, or creed. There can be no real democracy until the rights of all minority groups are fully safeguarded. It was most encouraging to myself and my colleagues to receive, on behalf of your organization, your pledge of moral and financial support. Our conference under the far-sighted chairmanship of Mr. Harry Uviller has set a standard for sincere and substantial action which we hope other groups will emulate.

If in any way our organization or its personnel can be of any service in assisting you in raising funds or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office - 217 West 125th Street, Monument 2-5080 - or in my absence Mr. Max Delson who is the Chairman of our Administrative Committee - 270 Broadway, Barclay 7-0988.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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217 WEST 125 ST=

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=JOHN LAFARGE EDITOR AMERICA.

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CHARLES M. LAFOLLETTE
8TH DISTRICT INDIANA

SECRETARIES:
MISS GRACE A. SLOAN
MISS EMMALINE RUSCHE

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

NC FEPC
Cleveland
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January 3, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International Pres.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Philip:

I have your letter of December 31, 1945. Insofar as I can determine at this date, I will be able to attend the meeting in Cleveland on January 29th. Of course, as you know, this depends on the legislative program at that time. I am writing to Mr. Sharpe today and giving him the necessary information.

Please accept my wishes for a happy and successful New Year.

Yours truly,

Charles M. LaFollette

Charles M. LaFollette, M.C.

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March 1, 1946.

Hon. F. H. LaGuardia
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. LaGuardia:

Thank you very much for coming to our Madison Square Garden Rally and making such a fine speech. You gave just the lift the meeting needed; and I want you to know how very much we appreciated your fine "Under the Hat" column on the FEPC. It is such cooperation as yours that in the end will lead us to victory. We hope we can count on your continued cooperation until that time.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph.

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FISK UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF
EVENTS AND TRENDS IN
RACE RELATIONS

CHARLES S. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR

STAFF
PEARL L. WALKER
CHARLES R. LAWRENCE, JR.
RACHEL B. NOEL
ALMA G. FORREST

March 23, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

We have noted in the February 26 interracial news bulletin distributed by the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, that in a letter to you President Truman has repledged himself to the enactment of an FEPC measure, writing:

> "I want you to know that I regard FEPC legislation as an integral part of my reconversion program and shall continue my efforts to give Congress a chance to vote on it."

We wonder if you would kindly send us a copy of this letter for use in connection with the Monthly Summary of Events and Trends In Race Relations.

We hope that we may receive word from you by April first, if possible.

Our thanks for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.

Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.,
Associate Editor

CRL:dt

March 29, 1946

Mr. Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.
Associate Editor
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I will refer your letter to Miss Maida Springer who handled the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally, who, no doubt, will be able to send you a copy of the letter you referred to.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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MR. C. E. LEANTY CHAIRMAN
RAILWAY LABOR EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON D. C.=

IN LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE NEGROES AND OTHER MINORITIES HAD IN WORLD WAR TWO WITH DISCRIMINATION IN GETTING EMPLOYMENT IN WAR INDUSTRIES WHICH RESULTED IN NATION WIDE URGING UPON THE LATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT BY NEGRO MOVEMENT, CHURCH LABO BUSINESS, CIVIL AND EDUCATIONAL THAT AN

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EXECUTIVE ORDER SIMILAR TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT,S 8802
AND THAT A WARTIME COMMITTEE ON FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
BE SET UP THEREUNDER COMPOSED OF SEVEN MEMBERS REPRESENTING
MINORITIES LABOR BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENENT AS AN INTEGRAL
AND ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE MOBILIZATION OF MANPOWER TO
WIN THE WAR AGAINST NORTH KOREAN COMMUNIST AGGRESSION SPONSORED
BY RUSSIAN STALINIST TYRANNY. SUCH ACTION AT THIS HOUR
WOULD NOT ONLY SERVE A JUST CAUSE AT HOME AND STRENGTHEN

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OUR AMERICAN BASTION OF DEMOCRACY BUT ALSO HELP TO DISARM
COMMUNIST RUSSIA WHICH IS ALREADY EXPLOITING THE DEFEAT
OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE ON
JULY 12TH BY THE DIXIECRATS WITH A VIEW TO WINNING
THE MINDS AND ALLEGIANCE OF THE NEGRO AND PEOPLES OF COLOR
IN ASIA AFRICA AND THE WEST INDIES.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH CO CHAIRMAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC.

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Madison Square
—meeting
book

- 217 W. 125 St.
N.Y.C.

January 28, 1946

Mr. Canada Lee
555 Edgecombe Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Mr. Theodore E, Brown has informed me that you have agreed to participate in a skit that is being written for the FEPC Mass Meeting at Madison Square Garden, February 28, 1946.

This mammoth demonstration is being staged in the interest of mobilizing public sentiment for the passage by the Congress of permanent legislation outlawing discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color and national origin. As Mr. Brown perhaps informed you Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is Honorary Chairman of the Meeting which will include in addition to myself many nationally known figures. With respect to the skit we have to date received confirmation for the participation of Miss Helen Hays. Mr. Brown states that he will go into greater detail at a luncheon date in the very near future. The FEPC is of prime importance to all minorities and especially Negro citizens if they are totake their rightful place in the total economic life of the nation.

I wish, therefore, to thank you for your acceptance and I shall look forward to seeing you as a participant in the meeting of February 28, 1946.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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A PHILLIP RANDOLPH= MV
217 WEST 125 ST NYK=

=DEAR MR RANDOLPH REVEREND EVANS KNIGHT AND I SENT BY AIR MAIL SPECIAL $1000 TO NATIONAL OFFICE BEFORE MEETING TONIGHT TO SAFEGUARD ITS FURTHER DWINDLING QUESTION AROSE ABOUT REVENUE TAX NO REPORT ON TICKETS FROM BURTON I WAS COMPELLED TO DEFEND THE POINT FOR HAVING MONEY FOR TAX REVENEND SUPPORTED BY BLACKWELL CONVINCED THE CONFEREES THE INADVISABILITY FOR USING FUNDS FOR TRIP BECAUSE OF THE DIRE SITUATION OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND THE EFFECT FROM A COMMUNITY STANDPOINT SO IT WAS VOTED TO SOLICIT PERSONAL DONATIONS FROM CONFEREE TO DEFRAY BURTONS TRIP EXPENSE I LED WITH $1 AND RAISED $52 BURTON APPOINTED COMMITTEE TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY EXPENSES TO WASHINGTON BY PLANE COMMITTEE FURTHER DECIDED TO DISBAND

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WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER BURTON BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF CONTINUING IN OFFICE ON SALARY ELMER AND OTHERS STATED THAT A CITYWIDE PLAN TO MAP MORE EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN ON LARGER SCALE THE SAME WAS CONVEYED BY WEISS TO BLACKWELL TODAY PLEASE ANSWER=

JIMMIE LEE 2734 SOUTH PRAIRIE.

$1000 $1 $52 2 2734.

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June 20, 1946

Mr. Henry Luce
14 West 49 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Luce:

Since we talked with you concerning plans to develop a committee to carry on a financial campaign to raise five hundred thousand dollars in the interest of securing legislation for a permanent FEPC, we have made quite some progress.

The following persons have agreed to attend a meeting for the purpose of discussing ways and means successfully to carry out the financial campaign: Mr. Martin Quigley of Motion Picture Daily, RKO Building; General William Donovan, 2 Wall Street; Mrs. Ann Rosenberg formerly of the Social Security Board, 444 Madison Avenue and Mr. Henry Epstein of 30 Broad Street. Mrs. Rosenberg has spoken to Mr. Nelson Rockefeller and she expects that he may join the committee also. General David Sarnoff has agreed to cooperate with our efforts and I am sure he will be glad to attend the meeting.

May I know whether it would be convenient for you to participate in a meeting Wednesday, June 26th, Thursday the 27th or Friday the 28th. I am sure that the persons abovementioned will be willing to adjust their time to your convenience. We will appreciate it immensely if you would sign a letter requesting them to attend the meeting with Ann Rosenberg and myself. I will call you in reference to place and time Monday when I return from Chicago.

May I say again how greatly appreciative we are for your interest and cooperation in the efforts for a permanent FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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217 West 125 St.
New York 27, N.Y.

June 28, 1946

Mr. Henry Luce
Time and Life Building
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Luce:

Permit me to remind you of the luncheon of the small committee to discuss plans to raise funds for a permanent federal Fair Employment Practice Commission law. I want to express our great appreciation for your consent to attend the luncheon and to cooperate with our efforts to secure legislation to help eliminate intolerance, bigotry and discrimination because of color, creed or country.

Persons who have agreed to attend the luncheon are: Miss Ann Rosenberg, General David Sarnoff, Mr. Martin Quigley, together with the arranging committee of three.

The luncheon will be held at the Sherry-Netherlands Hotel, 59th Street and 5th Avenue, Room 1A, 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 1st.

We are looking forward with pleasure to our meeting with you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE
COMMITTEE

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NC-FEPC
NY Council

February 4, 1946

Rev. Ralph McGowan
National Catholic Welfare Conference
1312 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rev. McGowan:

A filibuster is now raging on the floor of the Senate against the Fair Employment Practice Committee. Knowing you as I do, I know that your spirit revolts against this exhibition of intolerance on the part of these Southern Senators. I also know that you represent the quality of character and spirit in our nation that wants to do something about questions of this sort.

Now, a few civic-minded people, realising the need for such a fight as this to enact legislation for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, organised the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, of which Senator Capper and Senator Wagner are the Honorary Chairmen.

To the end of mobilising public sentiment back of the Bills in Congress for a Fair Employment Practice Commission, we are holding a series of nation-wide public meetings, the biggest of which will be held in Madison Square Garden in New York City, February 28th. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the Honorary Chairman of the Committee sponsoring this meeting. The Committee is a cross section of Jews, Catholics, Negroes, A.F.of L. and C.I.O. We need to have someone whose life is an expression of the revolt against racial and religious intolerance in the Catholic faith and there is no one fits this purpose better than you.

2-Rev. Ralph McGowan February 6, 1946

Therefore, our Committee agreed that we want to request and urge you to speak at our meeting in Madison Square Garden, February 28th on FEPC. We hope that you will serve us on this occasion and the cause of national religious and racial tolerance.

If you cannot personally appear we shall appreciate a representative of the Conference to participate in this program which will include among others: Senators Morse and Wagner; President William Green of the A.F. of L., and Victor Reuther of the C.I.O.

We are hoping that you will be with us on this occasion, because it will mean everything to our fight for FEPC.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1946.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
National Council for a Permanent
Fair Employment Practice Committee,
930 F Street, N. W.,
Washington 4, D. C.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

Secretary Ickes appreciated receiving your gracious invitation to speak at the mass meeting to be held at Madison Square Garden under the sponsorship of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee on February 28.

He expressed the wish that he might be with you on that occasion, but asked me to explain that he is definitely committed to leave for the Pacific Coast on February 10, where he will make five speeches. Because of the uncertainty of the date of his return to Washington, which will not in any event be prior to February 21, he does not feel that he should accept another speaking engagement within so short a period of time. All of his spare time must, of necessity, be devoted to writing the speeches he is to make on the Coast, which would leave him very little time to prepare an address after his return to Washington even if he did not find an accumulation of important official matters demanding his personal attention upon his arrival.

With his sincere regrets he sends you his best wishes for a large and outstanding meeting.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. McCrillis
Special Assistant to the Secretary.

NY Council FEPC

March 29, 1946

Mr. H. Machan
Friendship House Action Group
34 West 135 Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Machan:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 9th informing me of your interest in the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally and our plans to march on Washington. I will keep you informed of developments, and I want to express my great appreciation for your interest and fine spirit of cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NY Council
for PFEPC

March 9th, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
New York Council for a Permanent FEPC
242 East 14th Street
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

As pledged, we were represented at the FEPC rally February 28th at Madison Square Garden.

Undoubtedly, everyone present must have been inspired to continue, with renewed vigor, the fight for a permanent FEPC.

Your speech embodied all the justice and nobility that makes it a cause that cannot and will not be lost.

Please send us more information on the proposed March-on-Washington.

Very truly yours,

Maurice L. Mahon

Maurice L. Mahon, Chairman
Friendship House Social Action Group
34 West 135th Street,
New York, N.Y.

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Tomorrow's News As It Affects Negro Welfare

(Contents Copyrighted)

April 30, 1946

No. 59

Dear Reader:

It is with pardonable pride that MANUSCRIPT boasts of having given its leadership-readers the background of the controversial pledging of a Negro girl to a white sorority at Vermont University in its letter of March 26 (#54). White daily and Negro weekly papers were carrying screaming headlines on the story last week -- a month later. A check of MANUSCRIPT items shows this happens frequently. Here are more behind-the-scenes views which will make tomorrow's headlines!

Efforts are being made to hush up the story behind the inside disintegration of the national office of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. Fortunately, however, the brewing cauldron is coming to a boil at a time when there is a lull in activity and will not have too great adverse effect on the FEPC issue. In fact, an opportune movement by the NAACP now to set up the FEPC Committee already authorized by its national board possibly would assure a strong, smoothly functioning lobby group in the field when the issue becomes red-hot again in the next Congress. The grass roots connections could be salvaged and its base broadened.

There are indications the recalcitrant Republicans will rush to sign the FEPC discharge petition soon after the politicians return in sufficient numbers from their Easter recess. This, however, will be done with more of an eye on the November elections and the Negro vote than with any sincerity in making the bill a law. The Republican leadership is aware of the drive to adjourn the 79th Congress this summer -- maybe in July. There is little or no prospect of the FEPC coming before the Senate again soon or at all in this Congress. Passage of the measure in the House, spearheaded by the Republicans, would make good campaign-fodder, but would get the bill no place as the hoped-for end of the session would nullify the House action. Favorable action in both House and Senate is required to make the bill a law. The House move likely will occur whether or not there is a National Council for a Permanent FEPC pushing it.

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The National Council has been slipping for several months, after having performed a very commendable job in the earlier period of its existence. It was largely responsible for the political significance which has attached to the FEPC issue. Much of this was due to the skill-ful playing of the political forces one against the other by its two lobbyists, Ida Fox (expert on House lobbying) and Beatrice Schalet (expert on the Senate), and to the widespread publicity given the fight for permanent legislation.

First crack in the solid front of the Council came when Belle Douglas, star fund raiser and organizer in the field force, resigned in protest of unsatisfactory methods in the national office. She voiced her sentiments to A. Philip Randolph, co-chairman of the Council, but no corrective moves were made. Her resignation was followed by that of William Luchtenberg, another field worker, who did not officially voice his reasons, though he confided they were similar to those of Mrs. Douglas.

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After the Senate filibuster ended in February, the lull in exciting political activity put the spotlight on frictions in the national office. Staff bickerings grew. Much of it was observed by seven Wacs who were rendering daily volunteer service. All but two of them dropped out in disgust at the seemingly officially-sponsored intrigues and maneuverings. One of them was told not to discuss matters with a staff member "since we are trying to figure how to get rid of her". Another one sought to voice her criticisms of the office attitudes, procedures, lack of planning and other shortcomings. Unable to get an audience, she wrote them out and furnished a copy to each staff member. When Ida Fox and Bea Schalet stood alone in expressing the belief the Wac had made some points worthy of discussion, they were accused Saturday before the rest of the staff of having conspired and collaborated with her. The Wac charges were sidetracked.

Both Miss Fox and Mrs. Schalet protested their innocense. But when Anne Hedgeman, executive secretary of the Council persisted in expressing belief in their guilt, both arose in the staff meeting and resigned, effective immediately. Mrs. Hedgeman told MANUSCRIPT officially yesterday, however, that both the lobbyists resigned effective May 1 because they could not accept field-work assignments in the reorganization of the office — a step being taken to concentrate on fund-raising in recognition of the unlikelihood of effective legislative action in the rest of the 79th Congress.

In the meantime, one of the Wacs has written the staff absolving both Miss Fox and Mrs. Schalet of any complicity in the original Wac letter of criticism. She delivered the letter yesterday in person and waited to learn if any questions would be asked of her. A staff meeting was in progress and she overheard one staff member say: "I think I can just toss this in the waste basket without reading it." Another added: "Can you imagine the nerve, she's out there waiting for a reply". She got none and left after several minutes.

The FEPC issue is regarded as too large and too important to be sacrificed on the altar of friendships, personalities or petty, inside politics and jealousies. A complete change of leadership on the issue appears to be necessary, though regrettable.

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Willingness to wield his considerable influence in the interest of accomplishing beneficial results for his race and the building of his party's national strength, yet seeking no credit or publicity for himself, continues to be one of the major indications of the bigness of Congressman William L. Dawson.

More than anyone else, he was responsible for the appointment of deserving Thomasina Johnson to the highest paid federal job yet held by a Negro woman — the $7775 position as chief, Minority Group Services of U. S. Employment Service. Yet, when the agency was ready to announce the appointment, Dawson suggested that Mrs. Johnson take Senator Walsh, her Senator from Massachusetts, who cooperated with Dawson on the matter, to the office of the Secretary of Labor to pose with her for news pictures with the Secretary and USES Director Robt. Goodwin. Dawson, his work accomplished, was nowhere on the scene. He has claimed none of the credit.

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The CIO is facing a perplexing problem in its organization drive in the South. It is one of the reasons why Van Bittner's outburst against "outside interference", which the CIO officials are trying to soften and support, may be regretted by the organization.

A sizeable number of the unorganized workers in the South are Negroes. The CIO needs them, as does labor everywhere, if its unionization is to be effective. But practically, it has to go slow on the organization of Negroes in the early stages of the drive lest it come up with predominantly Negro locals. Such an occurrence would give the anti-union forces a weapon to keep the white workers out of the organization by "shaming" them about joining a "Negro union". The CIO has seen that happen already — notably in Washington, D. C., where the Negro public school teachers were the first to organize, and now the whites won't join. It is also the reason the CIO local at the D. C. Employment Service is all Negro. The whites, and one Negro "fair-haired boy", all belong to the AFL.

Organizations like the NAACP, which have the confidence of the Negroes throughout America, could explain what will appear to be a discriminatory procedure. The CIO may not be able to do so.

Right now, the CIO is tearing its hair over the demands of the employees of the Norfolk Journal & Guide, Negro newspaper, for a charter. They are organized, but the white newspaper employees in Norfolk are not. If a charter is granted the Guide employees, the chance of organizing the rest of the newspaper people of Norfolk will fly out the window — because the CIO would grant only one charter. As a consequence, the Guide members are affiliated with the Washington Newspaper Guild — several hundred miles away. It's practical from an organization standpoint, but it's hard to explain as not being discrimination.

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Congress and racial prejudice alone are not responsible for all the inequalities in the "separate but equal" school system in the District of Columbia.

Dr. Garnet Wilkinson, First Assistant Superintendent in charge of Negro Schools, is reported to have appeared before the Appropriations subcommittee for the District of Columbia are requested only one-fourth as many teachers as are needed to make the pupil-loads equal in the white and colored schools. Since he saw fit to cut his own request below the necessary, Congress helped him out by cutting it still further.

Compared to a negligible handful of white children attending school part-time because of overcrowded conditions, there are 7000 Negro children subjected to this condition.

And now, a few courageous physical training teachers are demanding better stadium and swimming pool facilities for Negro high school children or the cancellation of current jimcrow athletic contests. Dr. Wilkinson, in reply, has said the fields and pool are now under repair and that other public fields -- blocks away from the schools — are available. (In the meantime, track athletes at jimcrow Cardozo High School, only D. C. school to win a "first" at Penn Relays, train on the hard sidewalk circling the school building. They have no stadium.)

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No Negro colonel is likely to lose rank in the War Department demotion program for temporary commissions. At the same time, however, there is practically no likelihood of another Negro general in the near future because of the demotion policy.

At the height of the war there were eight Negro colonels in the Army. Two of them already are definitely out of the service — Cols. Queen and Bousfield. Two others either are out or on their way out — Cols. Hooper and Pitts. A fifth, Col. B. O. Davis, jr., is an Air Corps favorite and probably will not be disturbed in his rank for a year or maybe two. By that time, his permanent rank may be that of colonel.

The other three — Cols. West Hamilton, Ned Gourdin and Campbell Johnson — have held their temporary rank for considerable time. The Army's demotion schedule calls for those who received the commissions last to be reduced first. Each of these three probably will be out of the service before the demotions catch up with them.

General B. O. Davis holds his rank as a permanent Roosevelt-appointment, approved by the Senate. He is not in danger of demotion, though his retirement is imminent.

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MANUSCRIPT is happy to report the following developments at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. (Ms #57):

1. The student paper, the Digest is not being censored. The faculty committee will concern itself only with policies and the over-all objectives, but no issue will be seen by them before the paper goes to press.

2. The second-semester NAACP campaign has been permitted to proceed. Two years ago the school had the largest NAACP membership of any Negro college. This year, it ranked second.

3. Roy Wilkins will speak at the annual Digest staff dinner on May 6 at 7:30 p. m.

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Agriculture Department reports that high land values have caused Farm Security Administration to slow down its farm ownership lending program in order to protect veterans and other prospective farm buyers from getting caught in an inflation booby trap. Inside "dope", however, is that Dillard Lassiter of Georgia, now Administrator of FSA, has no progressive program for spreading information and services to the little farmers, particularly Negroes. He is content to spend his time trying to get through Congress a bill to make FSA a permanent agency.

Significantly, the Department admits, through the colored advisers on Lassiter's staff, that Negro veterans are not applying for farm purchase loans in as large numbers as expected. This is despite the fact that an Army survey showed that 60,000 Negro enlisted men were planning to farm after their discharge. FSA reports show that in some of the home areas of Negro farm veterans, Negro applications have been negligible.

While this may be due to the dearth of information regarding the services offered to veterans -- the information paucity is as much a fault of the agency as it is of the newspapers which shy away from purely educational material that lacks a sensational or strictly Negro angle.

Congress has authorized an additional 15 million dollars for operating loans through FSA, which is expected to go principally to veterans.

FSA loans and guidance are available to veterans who are unable to get credit from any other source.

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MANUSCRIPT's round-up for the week . . . . The National Farm Labor Union, formerly the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, won another victory when the Department of Agriculture wage board in Mississippi recommended against a $2.00 a day wage ceiling for cotton choppers.

... Thurgood Marshall, militant and capable NAACP attorney, will be the recipient of the 31st award of the Spingarn Medal.

... Maj. Daniel Day of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations will leave for the Nuremburg war criminal trials on May 10 with three representatives of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association. Secrecy surrounds the "three" in view of two changes in personnel of the group already made.

... Harry McAlpin, co-editor of MANUSCRIPT, has been awarded a Navy commendation for "outstanding performance and service rendered to the United States at War" as an accredited Navy War Correspondent attached to the Lester Granger party which toured the Pacific Naval bases last year.

... Sen. Hoey of North Carolina (pronounced hooey) is now acting mayor of the nation's capital in the absence on leave of Sen. Bilbo, chairman of the Senate District Committee, to mend his threatened political fences in Mississippi.

... Former Interior Secretary Harold Ickes will be the principal speaker at the mass meeting sponsored by the Pittsburgh Courier and the D. C. Citizens group organized to fight segregation in the nation's capital. Though up to his neck in work and other engagements, Ickes accepted because the subject is one close to his heart.

... Saturday of this week will be "Save OPA Day".

... The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will hold their meeting in Atlantic City May 19-24. No known Negroes will participate, but the Negro issue will be prominent when attempt is made to eliminate the racial restriction from the constitution of the organization against colored artists appearing in Constitution Hall.

... Judge Hastie, who will be confirmed by the Senate this week as Governor of the Virgin Islands, was paid tribute at a luncheon in the Hotel Roosevelt in New York yesterday. Sponsors of the luncheon were Thurman Arnold, Jerome N. Frank, Thurgood Marshall, Francis T. P. Plimpton, Charles Poletti, Arthur Garfield Hayes. Secretary of War Robert Patterson was the guest speaker.

... The Capital Press Club has invited President Truman to be the guest speaker at its annual dinner on May 29 at the tradition-laden Willard Hotel. The President, who has spoken for or appeared as guest for every white press group in Washington, has declined the invitation.

... The Ethiopians are seeking larger quarters for their legation in Washington.

... Charges of friction between the United States Public Health mission and Liberian officialdom were recalled by announcement of the U. S. Public Health Service that Dr. Michael B. Shimkin, assistant chief of the office of international health relations, has left for Liberia to study the all-Negro health mission created there in November 1944.

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September 13, 1946

Mr. Milo Manly
National Council for a Permanent F. E. P. C.
930 F Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Milo:

The Administrative Committee has approved payment of the six checks which you sent to me and I have forwarded them to Mr. Schieffelin with instructions to have them signed and sent directly to you. You will also receive a deposit slip to the amount of $891.65, which includes contributions received directly by you as well as a loan of $500.00 and a contribution of $250.00 from the Undergarment and Negligee Workers Union, Local 62, ILGWU, 873 Broadway, New York, 3, N. Y. Will you see to it that an official receipt for the $250.00 contribution is sent to this group.

I have received an auditors report from H. Naylor Fitzhugh which the Administrative Committee is in the process of studying. Will you make up a check for $64.68 to Mr. Fitzhugh, and send it to me for signature.

In examining the auditors report, I noted an account payable to Batt Bates and Company, Inc. to the amount of $591.90. Would you please let me know what this represents.

Will you also let me know approximately how many copies of "Answer the Critics" are on hand. In this connection, I would suggest that you send single copies to all organizations on our mailing list together with a note indicating that quantities may be purchased. I think perhaps you might set a price of 10¢ per copy for orders of less than 100, 8¢ per copy for orders of 100-1,000, and 5¢ per copy for more than 1,000 copies. You might speak to some of the labor people, including George Weaver about this and see whether he might not be able to help turn our current stock of these pamphlets into cash. If they are still available, will you send me a few copies each of two leaflets which were distributed by the Council some time ago. The first is entitled, "A Fair Employment Practice Commission", and contains a brief chronological summary of events from 1941 through February 1945, together with a list of cooperating organizations. The second is a small leaflet, the front page of which is covered by the words, "Let's Work Together". Will you also please send me samples of any other material which we now have in large quantities, giving the approximate quantity for each item.

I should further appreciate receiving about 25 of the F.E.P.C. ~~Bulletins~~ button. In this connection, let me know to what extent, if any, the Lewis Company has been pressing for payment and how certain you are that the half million or more Bulletins supposed to have been made up are actually in stock.

We have received prior announcement of the workshop planned by the American Council on Race Relations. In view of our very limited financial resources, together with the fact that several individuals from New York plan to attend, the Administrative Committee does not feel we can afford the $60.00 necessary for your participation.

I have probably left several other questions unanswered, so please do not hesitate to write me again. Best personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Arnold Aronson

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cc to Max Delson

MEMO

To MAX DELSON, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC

From MILO MANLY

12/18/46

In re: Unemployment Compensation

We have received several queries from various members of the former staff regarding Unemployment Compensation. Several have filed for their Unemployment Compensation and we have been advised that none of the Field Staff were registered with the D. C. Unemployment Compensation Board.

There is nothing in the files to indicate either registration or payment of the Unemployment Compensation Tax for the entire Field Staff.

The D. C. Unemployment Compensation Board advises that nothing can be done until claims are received from the state in which a claim is made. They will then bill us accordingly.

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copy to Arnold Aronson

MEMO

To MAX DELSON, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National
Council for a Permanent FEPC

From MILO MANLY M M

December 18, 1946

In re: Pay rates
Xmas vacation

In transferring Mrs. Mildred Thompson from the N. Y. Council payroll to that of the National Council, I note that Mrs. Thompson is receiving $50.00 per week, converted to a monthly rate this equals $216.66 per month, whereas Mrs. Elise Hopson of this office receives $195.00 per month.

As both are doing the same type of work (secretary-stenographer) may I adjust the next pay checks so that both secretary-stenographers will receive the same pay rate?

MM

Will the Administrative Committee please advise if the present operating staff (Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hopson and Mr. Manly) can have a Xmas vacation. None of us have had any vacation thruout 1946 and there will be no opportunity to take any time off when Congress convenes in January.

As Washington is practically at a standstill during Xmas week I suggest that this period be utilized for vacations for us.

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Copy to Arnold Aronson

NC-FEPC
NY Council

July 10, 1946

Mr. David Marmolstein
Executive Director
United Better Dress
Manufacturers Association
136 West 41st Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marmolstein:

Approximately ten days ago the impartial chairman of the dress industry, Mr. Harry Uviller, was kind enough to arrange a conference at his office. Those who participated in this conference were Mr. I. Agree, National Dress Manufacturers Association; Mr. Morris Kolchin, Affiliated Dress Manufacturers Association; Mr. Nat Boriskin, United Popular Dress Manufacturers Association; and on behalf of the National Council Mr. George K. Hunton of the Catholic Interracial Council; Mr. Max Delson, Chairman of our Administrative Committee and myself.

The purpose of this conference was to discuss ways and means of continuing the crucial struggle to eliminate job discrimination because of race, creed or color in interstate commerce through the instrumentality of federal legislation.

I need not tell you that there can be no real democracy until the rights of all minority groups are safeguarded.

Under the far-sighted chairmanship of Mr. Harry Uviller, our conference has set a standard for sincere and substantial action which we hope other groups will emulate.

I know that had you been present in New York on the day Mr. Uviller called the conference, you would have attended. It was most heartening to receive the expressions of cooperation from those who were present. We are in dire need of substantial funds to carry on this great work. Whatever aid your organization and its members will give us both morally and financially will prove most helpful.

If in any way our organization or its personnel can be of any service in assisting you in raising funds or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office - 217 West 125th Street, Monument 2-5080 - or in my absence Mr. Max Delson who is the Chairman of our Administrative Committee - 270 Broadway, Barclay 7-0988.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

C. HERBERT MARSHALL, M. D., 2ND
GEORGETOWN, D. C.

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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 W. 125 th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Phil:

Just a word to advise you of our progress. We've voted to conduct our drive from April 15th to May 15th. I had asked Anna to sound you out on the possibility of having you speak here at a mass meeting on April 21st. Last nite I was happy to learn that you will address a meeting here on April 12th.

This date is much more appropriate since it is just three days before the drive begins. It will be easy for you to give the necessary impetus to our drive in the course of your address. I regret that I will be enroute to Louisville that evening.

We've gone to press, my letter of appeal is already composed and will be in the hands of a thousand or two by the time you come here. There seems to be no stenographic help coming from the Council as you promised. I'll need all the help I can get by the end of the week. Do what you can to correct this.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Herb

C. Herbert Marshall

NC - FEPC -
Washington local

April 10, 1946

Mr. C. Herbert Marshall, M.D.
Georgetown, D. C.

Dear Herb:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 31, 1946 concerning financial drive for FEPC. I want to congratulate you upon the plans worked out in the interest of the drive. I am sure they will be effective. I will speak to Ann and urge her to let you have whatever stenographic services may be available. The Council is presently working short-handed because of the lack of funds.

I will do everything to boost the drive in my talk on the 12th.

Cordially,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

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April 12, 1946

Dear Friend:

It is as true now as ever that "GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES"!

This is a tocsin call to arms. The Federal Fair Employment Practice Bill is not dead. It is still on the calendar of the United States Senate, and is yet to be reported to the United States House of Representatives.

Negro-Americans, along with enlightened public opinion throughout the country, are determined that this Bill shall not die. Its principles of freedom, liberty and democracy shall not be strangled to death by that unprincipled minority who profit by discriminatory practices in employment based on race, color and national origin.

As has been well said: Jobs are not a privilege, but a right of citizenship. One-tenth of the population of this nation, Negro-Americans and their friends, refuse to accept the dictum of the Bilbos, the Eastlands, the Russells, the McKellars, and their fellow-travelers of the Bourbon South, that minority groups shall be kept in a state of economic vassalage.

The injustices, the meannesses, the oppressions of the past must be swept into the forgotten past by an outraged populace. This result will not be brought about by complacent, wishful hoping; it will be achieved only if we, Negro-Americans, do our full part to keep this F.E.P.C. Bill alive. To keep it alive will require energy, action, money. It will be brought about only by indefatigable, unflagging effort.

The National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. Bill is marshalling its forces, its influences and the cooperation of dozens of cooperating organizations to fight this good effort through to a triumphant, successful conclusion. Detailed plans are now being matured by the National Council to force consideration of this legislation by both Houses of Congress before adjournment in this session.

This effort challenges the cooperation of all citizens resident in the Capital of the Nation. Our quota toward this effort is $50,000. We plan to present this cause to every liberal-minded organization in the District of Columbia. Democratic processes and parliamentary procedure must not be flouted by reactionary elements. Your help is needed.

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

Sincerely yours,

C. Herbert Marshall

C. Herbert Marshall, Chairman

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C. HERBERT MARSHALL, M. D., 2ND
GEORGETOWN, D. C.

June 14, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
217 W. 125th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Randolph:

Because I have made and am still making a contribution to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, I feel that I have earned the right to offer certain suggestions regarding procedure in trying to have FEPC legislation passed. I have had ample opportunity during our drive for funds here in Washington to sound out public opinion, and as a result of that the proposal that I now make to you is the answer to all of the varied objections that have been brought to my attention.

The great majority of people here are firm in their opinion that the bill now before the Congress will not pass. I share that opinion. However, I feel that half a loaf of bread is better than no bread at all, and am taking the liberty to suggest that a new bill be introduced into Congress which would be limited to the Federal Government.

I can appreciate the viewpoint of the industrialists who would feel that the Government is trying to impose upon them a policy which the Government itself does not practice; [illegible] if such legislation is passed, + a greater efficiency in the governmental matters would result, as it surely would, the pattern would be set which industry automatically would follow. Such a bill, if enacted, would guarantee the merit system in our Civil Service. This is something that you and I have long hoped for, and when we think of thousands of Negro Americans who would be given permanent employment and deserving promotions, this legislation would be most desirable.

I know that a number of organizations that have supported the Council will be adamant about the bill in its present form. I appreciate their determination and their enthusiasm, but effervescing enthusiasts seldom give a worthwhile contribution to the solution of problems, and certainly they never solve them alone.

This programmatic change, to my mind, is essential and would prove a forward step toward our ultimate objective, which is nation-wide Fair Employment Practice.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. Herbert Marshall

C. Herbert Marshall, M.D.

NC—FEPC
Washington Br

June 18, 1946

Dr. C. Herbert Marshall
Georgetown, D. C.

Dear Herb:

It is indeed a pleasure to get your letter of June 14th suggesting changes in the bills for FEPC now before Congress. I share your opinion that the present bills S-101 and 2232 will not pass the Congress in their present form. I have advocated amending the bills so as to secure a FEPC which could get a measure of justice for Negroes in Federal employment and also private industry. We have a committee which is restudying FEPC legislation with a view to developing a bill which will have a possibility of passing the next Congress. As you say it will be a great step forward if we get a bill through which will get for the Negro his rights by way of employment in the Federal government which will certainly have some influence upon private industry. However, in the bill which we hope to develop we want to have private industry included with the Federal government, providing that discrimination in employment relations be eliminated in both of these areas. I think it is possible to work out such a bill.

I want to congratulate you upon the great job you have done and are doing for FEPC. I assure you I am always glad to get your opinion on anything because I know that you think out a question logically and that you are interested in the advancement of the cause of the Negro people in particular and the abolition of all forms of discrimination, intolerance, and bigotry in general. When I come to Washington again I will give you a ring and we can have a chat. I shall present your letter to the committee which is considering the revision of the present bills for its consideration.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

C. HERBERT MARSHALL, M. D., 2ND
GEORGETOWN, D. C.

June 27, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
217 West 125th Street
New York City

My dear Phil:

This is a personal letter to you, reporting on our drive here in Washington. We here in Washington have been swamped with drives this spring; beginning with our Community Chest drive up to and including the more recent drive for funds for Children's Hospital--every one has failed to make its quota. This is due to the sense of insecurity the masses of people have because of the ever ascending cost of living and the great uncertain and vascillating attitude of Congress.

Our drive would have netted us between $10,000 and $15,000 if I had been able to get 50% of the support that was promised at your call meeting. It so happened that out of all of the members of the Committee, I received active support from Shep Allen, Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Mrs. Alice Hunter, and our mutual friend, W. S. Anderson. The most loquacious man at the meeting when I was named Chairman, and at his suggestion, was the Honorable Perry W. Howard, who has been as silent and as inactive as he was vocal. Mr. Byars, who usually works very well, was called from the city. The rest you can just dismiss as being worthwhile people to do anything, unless they are the head of it. I cite these things so that in the future you will not have to undergo the inconvenience of misplacing your confidence.

To my surprise, I found a great deal of resentment to Ann Hedgeman. I could not refute what was said to me on several occasions because the individuals seemed to know, or impressed me as knowing, what they were talking about. These complaints were as follows: (1) imprudent spending, (2) dictatorial attitude, (3) resistance to suggestions.

Personally, I cannot say that these accusations are true, but all of them came from more than one source, and where there is smoke, there is apt to be some fire. That is your problem.

Unfortunately, something went wrong down at the office during our drive, and it cost the Council between $300 and $700, to my personal knowledge, as the result of the firing of Miss Ida Fox who was very well thought of by a number of people here. Among these were some who had promised me donations of from $50 to $100. These things cannot be helped, but are always unwelcome.

We shall not shut the door to any further contributions. I picked up a modest check from my Pharmacist only yesterday, and unless there is objection, we shall continue to do so. $1,000 has already been sent in.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Herb

C. Herbert Marshall, M.D.

NC-FEPC
Washington

July 8, 1946

Dr. C. Herbert Marshall, 2nd
Georgetown, D. C.

Dear Herb:

Thanks a lot for your letter of June 27th concerning the campaign for funds for FEPC in Washington and the workers in the office there. I note your observations on members of the committee who were supposed to work with you in the campaign. It proves everyone who cries Lord Lord will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Many will pledge to work but few will answer the call.

I think your campaign was a great success which was due to your commanding personality and dedication to the cause of justice for the Negro people. I want you to know that I appreciate this fine job you have done from the bottom of my heart. I hope that you will continue to accept any contributions that may be given for the FEPC.

It is unfortunate that we had the difficulty in Washington but as you say these things happen to all human movements. I think we have gotten the situation under control and the outlook is quite promising for an effective campaign for FEPC in the next Congress.

Yes I agree with you that we are not going to be able to get our original bill through the Congress and hence we will be compelled to accept some compromise. Since the Negro people especially and the minorities in general are facing crucial and serious problems of unemployment it will be a basic and substantial step forward to secure some FEPC legislation which is sound in principle, but which may not go as far as we wish it to go. However, we will fight to secure all in the bills that traffic will bear.

Sincerely,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

August 26, 1946

Dr. C. H. Marshall
2712 P Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herb:

Permit me to advise that the National Council for a Permanent FEPC because of the lack of funds has been compelled to dismiss its Washington staff with the exception of two persons. We are in debt to the staff to the extent of some six thousand dollars. We are now in the process of raising funds to meet this obligation. Can you help us? If so, we shall appreciate your sending us whatever funds may be available. I assure you this will be most helpful.

We are planning to develop a nation-wide campaign to carry on the fight for legislation for a permanent FEPC. I will give you more information about this shortly.

When I am in Washington again, I will give you a ring so that we may have a chat. May I say that I appreciate immensely the fine and constructive job you have done in raising funds and educating the public on FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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February 2, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I received and appreciated your thoughtful invitation to attend the meeting scheduled for Madison Square Garden on Thursday, February 28.

If the FEPC Bill is on the floor of the Senate and my presence is required here, of course I would not be able to be with you. However, I will be glad to accept, having in mind the situation with reference to the Senate Calendar, on that particular day.

Thanks for your invitation and for your splendid cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jim Mead

JAS. M. MEAD

February 5, 1946

Copy sent to Mrs. Springer

NY Council

NY Council FEPC

March 12, 1946

Mr. Morris Milgram, Secretary
Workers Defense League
112 East 19th Street
New York City

Dear Morris:

Permit me to say how greatly I appreciate the fine job you did in helping to build the great Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally. It demonstrated that the Communists are not the only ones in New York who can stage a huge public meeting at Madison Square Garden. We ought to be able to build a strong New York Council for a Permanent FEPC, now.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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National Headquarters
WORKERS DEFENSE LEAGUE
112 EAST 19th STREET
New York 3, N. Y.

ALgonquin 4-4954

March 14, 1946

Dear Phil,

As I promised, I have drafted a reply to the enclosed letter and I would be happy if you would get it out with any additions or changes you feel are advisable.

Cordially,

Morris Milgram
National Secretary

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car
Porters, AFL
217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N.Y.

NFEPC
NY Council

November 1, 1948

Mr. Morris Milgram
Workers Defense League
112 East 19 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Morris:

Find enclosed checks to deposit in the bank for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. Kindly do this right away since we need to pay some bills.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Enc.

Edmonton, Canada

Canadian Pacific Railway
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July 19, 1946

Dear Brother Marcoff,

I received a telegram from Mrs. Haddeman, costing me $11.47, advising that if funds were not available soon, she would have to resign, dismiss the staff and

Close the office, while this is unfortunate, it seems to me unavoidable. But we must not lose faith. We can and will return

lost ground.

I appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

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To Mr. Isaiah Minkoff xc-FEPC gen

October 10, 1946 19

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A. Philip Randolph

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January 14, 1946.

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
New York Council
Permanent Fair Employment
Practices Council
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I would have been very happy to be with you at the Madison Square Garden on February 28th, but an exceedingly overcrowded schedule in February, with a conflicting engagement, make it impossible for me to accept your kind invitation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry Monsky

Henry Monsky.

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NY Council FEPC

February 6, 1946

Mr. Henry Monsky, President
B'nai B'rith
Omaha National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Monsky:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of January 16th informing me that you will not be able to speak at the Madison Square Garden Rally for FEPC, February 28th. I keenly regret this, but I can understand how busy you are.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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N.Y. Council FEPC

March 1, 1946

Senator Wayne Morse
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Morse:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your coming to New York for our Madison Square Garden Rally last night, and I want to thank you personally for the fine speech you delivered. In the final analysis the passage of a FEPC bill will depend on just such action as you described. It is good to know that we can count on you to be in the foreground of the fight.

Please let us know if we can take care of the expense involved in your trip to New York.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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Congress of Industrial Organizations
CIO
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OFFICE OF
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1500 Commonwealth Bldg.
Pittsburgh, 22, Penna.

January 26, 1946.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent
Fair Employment Practice Committee
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington, 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I have your favor of January 23d, and wish to express my appreciation for your cordial invitation to attend the meeting in Madison Square Garden on February 28th.

As you doubtless know, both the Congress of Industrial Organizations and myself are whole-heartedly supporting the legislation for a permanent F.E.P.C. I sincerely regret, however, that other commitments already made will preclude the possibility of my participation. In the event you want some other CIO Representative to attend, I shall be delighted to assign one.

Hoping that you have a very successful meeting, I am

Very truly yours,

Philip Murray
President.

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[Philip Murray]

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February 7, 1946

Mr. Philip Murray, President
Congress of Industrial Organizations
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Murray:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 28th informing me that you and the CIO are supporting the legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, but that you will be unable to speak at the FEPC rally at Madison Square Garden, February 28th. May I say that I know that you and the CIO are wholeheartedly backing this legislation in the interest of minority groups right along, and I assure you that I appreciate this immensely.

I hope that you may find someway whereby you may be able to speak for us at Madison Square Garden, February 28th, because of the fact that you are a symbol of the struggle of the workers and the common man for their rights and status, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin, and your presenting their message at this meeting, which promises to be the biggest ever held in New York, would give a lift to the movement for human rights and the struggle of the liberals and labor for social justice in America.

I especially would like for you to represent the CIO, since William Green is representing the AFL, and we wish to have these two powerful organizations represented, if possible, on this occasion.

I hate to continue to bother you about this matter, but I am sure you realize that if the fight for FEPC is not victorious, it will strengthen, encourage and embolden the forces that are anti-labor and the forces of general reaction, anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism and Jim-Crowism in America. This meeting is an effort to dramatize the struggle against intolerance and discrimination of all kinds.

If you should wish to be put in the program at a certain place so that you need not be required to remain throughout the meeting, I could arrange to have that done. If we are able to announce that you will speak at this meeting, it will mean much to the cause of FEPC.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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NC-FEPC
St Paul Council

January 7, 1946

Mr. Clarence T. R. Nelson, Secretary
Minnesota Council for a Permanent FEPC
631 St. Anthony Avenue
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Dear Rev. Nelson:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 29th in which you state that you have tentatively set February 13th and 14th as the dates for the meetings in St. Paul and Minneapolis. I shall be glad to serve on either one of these dates. Success to the effort.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 29, 1945

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Thanks very much for your good letter of December 20 in which you accepted our invitation to speak at mass meetings in Minneapolis and St.Paul during the week of February 11-17, 1946.

We have tentatively set Feb. 13 and 14 as the dates for our meetings in St.Paul and Minneapolis respectively. We will not be able to have Mr. LaFollette and are trying now to secure Senator Wayne Morse to share the programs with you.

Most sincerely yours

Clarence T. R. Nelson

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New York Office:
19 WEST 27th STREET
New York 1, N. Y.

March 15, 1946

Dear Sir:

I was invited by the Brooklyn Division of the New York Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. to speak as a representative of labor at a F.E.P.C. rally on Sunday, February 24, 1946, at the Concord Baptist Church, Marcy & Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn. I was glad to accept and came to express my own support and the support of all organized labor to the struggle fora Permanent F.E.P.C.

Instead of a united appeal for action in behalf of the F.E.P.C., the audience was forced to listen to a dangerous demagogic attack by one of the speakers, the Rev. J.B. Adams, on organized labor and the Jews. Rather than answer him and still further destroy the purpose of the meeting, I preferred to walk out in silent protest.

However, the statements and unwarranted attacks and insinuations must be answered. The Reverend attached all labor charging that labor did nothing for the F.E.P.C. The public record belies this. Both the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. have given full moral, material, and financial support to the F.E.P.C. campaign. The leaders of organized labor have repeatedly spoken out for the rights of minorities and social legislation.

In an underhand appeal to prejudice the Reverend kept insinuating that although there were "only a few Jews they managed, by sticking together, to go very high". The Reverend therefore called in the Negroes to support "this Church as the only institution that favors the Negro".

This is a dangerous game turning one minority against another. It is a familiar game, one played by fascists and demagogues. It is unnecessary to point out that the Jews are five million and that they are in no one group or party. But to attempt to stir the Negroes with sly derogating remarks about the Jews is neither good Christian ethics nor sound democratic practice.

We have no quarrel with Rev. Adams when he preaches religion. We only object when he does not practice his own religious beliefs.

The Local Union, I have the honor to represent, does not permit any discrimination in its ranks. While this holds true of most of organized labor we are conscious that there are some spots where there is discrimination.

Permit me to remind Rev. Adams that even in the Church there is discrimination as witness the report presented to the Federal Council of Churches by Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, "Discrimination was seen everywhere in the country even in the Churches".

The American people face many struggles on the road to solving our social and economic problems. This requires the fullest cooperation of all who believe in justice and equal rights for all.

I have learned the lesson that not everything the Reverend says is the word of God.

Sincerely,

Louis Nelson

Louis Nelson,
Manager-Secretary

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March 26, 1946

Mr. Louis Nelson, Manager-Secretary
Knitgoods Workers Union
Local 155, ILGWU
815 Broadway,
Brooklyn 6, New York

Dear Brother Nelson:

Permit me to thank you for the copy of your letter of March 15, 1946 concerning your attendance at a meeting in Brooklyn for FEPC, at which the Rev. J. B. Adams was one of the speakers. I regret to hear that remarks against the interests of labor and our Jewish Brothers and Sisters were made there. It pains me to my heart when I hear that prejudice and discrimination are being practiced by one minority against another. Of course, you and I know of the social, economic, and political problems that give rise to these problems of racial and religious intolerance, but we must continue to fight to eliminate this poison from the blood stream of our country.

You don't have to tell me about the great work the Knitgoods Workers' Union of the ILGWU has done. It is one of the outstanding trade unions of our country. The ILGWU has chalked up a great contribution to labor in particular and American and world democracy in general. I know of your support and cooperation with the fight for FEPC and appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. May I hope that you will never have a similar experience again.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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February 20, 1946

Mr. Max Delson
Chairman, Planning Committee
FEPC Madison Square Garden Rally
870 Broadway Street
New York, New York

Dear Max:

I am enclosing herewith letter from Father Aloysius J. Owen, S.J. of Brooklyn Preparatory, Nostrand Avenue and Carroll Street. While you were away I talked with Maida Springer, Mary Hilliard and McLaurin concerning Canada Lee, who is a communist or a communist fellow-traveller, appearing on the FEPC program. I don't know whether Helen Hayes is a fellow-traveller or not, but I feel strongly that the skit should be eliminated entirely - both to get rid of the communistic taint to the meeting by Canada Lee being included on the program, and also to save time for our main speakers.

I hope you will take this matter up with Maida, Mary and Mac with a view toward eliminating the skit entirely, even if we have to pay for the work done on it. I think it would be better than to have it used with Canada Lee, who has been notoriously connected with communistic movements.

I did not get a chance to talk with you before I left because you were away, but I hope you are feeling better. I want to congratulate you upon the great job you are doing for FEPC particularly, and the fight for FEPC in general.

Cordially yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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cc - Father Aloysius J. Owen, S.J.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY January 18, 1946

City Editor
New York Times
229 West 43 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear City Editor:

A Conference of civic, religious, trade union and business groups in the Harlem community will meet at the YMCA at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 19th for the purpose of mapping plans to mobilize all of the organizations in Harlem to back the fight to break the filibuster now going on in the Senate and to give support to President Harry Truman and those senators and congressmen who are seeking to enact Bills, S 101 and HR 2232 for a permanent FEPC. Some of the speakers at the Conference will be, George K. Hunton, Secretary of the Catholic Interracial Commission of New York City and Mr. B. F. McLaurin, former candidate for the City Council under the Republican and Liberal Parties tickets.

I want to request you to send a reporter to this meeting.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Madison Square Garden [illegible]

January 25, 1946

Hon. Mary T. Norton, M.C.
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congresswoman Norton:

A filibuster is now raging on the floor of the Senate against the Fair Employment Practice Committee. Knowing you as I do, I know that your spirit revolts against this exhibition of intolerance on the part of these Southern Senators. I also know that you represent the quality of character and spirit in our nation that wants to do something about questions of this sort.

Now, a few civic-minded people, realising the need for such a fight as this to enact legislation for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, organised the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, of which Senator Capper and Senator Wagner are the Honorary Chairmen.

To the end of mobilising public sentiment back of the Bills in Congress for a Fair Employment Practice Commission, we are holding a series of nation-wide public meetings, the biggest of which will be held in Madison Square Garden in New York City, February 28th. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the Honorary Chairman of the Committee sponsoring this meeting. The Committee is a cross section of Jews, Catholics, Negroes, A. F. of L. and C. I. O. We need to have someone whose life is an expression of the revolt against racial and religious intolerance, and there is no one who fits this purpose better than you.

Therefore, our Committee agreed that we want to request and urge you to speak at our meeting in Madison Square Garden, February 28th on FEPC. We hope that you will serve us on this occasion and the cause of national religious and racial tolerance.

The Committee felt that you above all persons could speak at this meeting, since you have pushed this Bill through the House Labor Committee, and fought for it every step of the way.

We are hoping that you will be with us on this occasion, because it will mean everything to our fight for FEPC.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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TELEPHONE, SLOCUM 6-4700

BROOKLYN PREPARATORY
NOSTRAND AVENUE AND CARROLL STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

February 15, 1946.

Mr.A.Philip Randolph,

Dear sir:

I was among those present on February 8th at the Inter-racial Center,Vesey St. when you addressed a group of Catholic clergymen. You assured us that the Rally to be held at the Garden would be immune from Leftist influence.Acting on this assurance I have urged all the groups over which I have some influence to support the Rally. Due to my suggestion Father Smith gave a first page notice of the Rally in his Crown Heights Comment.

Consequnetly it was with surprise and displeasure that I read your letter in the Evening Post of February 15th in which you announce that the entertainers will be Helen Hayes and Canada Lee. I object strenuously to the presence of the latter. He is a well-known fellow-traveller and has given his support and graced with his talent many a front organization.His connections with various front organizations:American Peace Mobilization,American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born,International Labor Defense,etc.etc.,his presence at testimonial dinners honoring such men as Ferdinand C%Smith and Schappes,as well as his pr sence at other Madison Square rallies,including one in honor of Lenin all lead me to request of you the names of other entertainers and "prominent" speakers at that Rally which was to be immune from Leftisst influences.Hoping for the success of the Rally but insisting that your assurance be carried out ,I remain

Sincerely,

Aloysius J.Owen,S.J.

February 20, 1946

Father Aloysius J. Owen, S.J.
Brooklyn Preparatory
Nostrand Avenue and Carroll Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Father Owen:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 18, 1946, expressing your opposition to entertainers Helen Hayes and Canada Lee because of their fellow-traveller's relations.

I have expressed my desire to have the skit eliminated in which Canada Lee especially was playing at the FEPC Rally at Madison Square Garden. I did not know that Miss Helen Hayes was a fellow-traveller, but I am opposed to any communist or fellow-traveller being a part of the Madison Square Garden rally and I have made that fact known to those who are directly in charge of working up the meeting. I am in complete accord with your opposition on this matter.

I shall write the committee again expressing my opinion on it and urging them to eliminate the skit entirely.

Yours truly,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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P.S. Enclosed letter to chairman of rally is self-explanatory. APR

NY Council
FEPC

March 5, 1946

Rev. Alysius J. Owen, S. J.
Brooklyn Preparatory
Nostrand Avenue and Carroll Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Father Owen:

With reference to Canada Lee being on the Madison Square Garden Rally program and his reputation as a Communist fellow-traveler, may I say that I have been informed that Mr. Lee has broken with the Communist Party, just as the former editor of the Daily Worker broke with the Party, and that he will soon be known as another Richard Wright.

I have been informed that if you are on good terms with the Communist Party, they would not permit a person to serve on a program such as the FEPC Rally, because of the intense hatred the Communists entertain for me, for they regard me as being the man in charge of the rally.

I just wanted to convey this information to you, because you and I are in accord with the question of eliminating the Communists from anything we have anything to do with.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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FOR BILLS S 101 AND HR 2232 NOW BEFORE CONGRESS FOR A PERMANENT FEPC= MAY WE HOPE THAT YOUR CONFERENCEWILL EXPRESS CONDEMNATON OF THE FILIBUSTER WHICH CONTINUED IN THE SENATE FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS AGAINST FEPC DEFEATING THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GIVING STRENGTH TO A DESTRUCTIVE FORM OF RACISM AND GOVERNMENT BY MINORITY RULE SINCE MINORITY RULE VIOLATES THE BASIC DEMOCRATIC FAITHS AND VALUES OF OUR AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM=

A= PHILIP RANDLO===
CO CHAIRMAN.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas
Jan 1 1946

Mr A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th St
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear friend:

Just a new years note in reply to yours of the twenty seventh which arrived yesterday. Your visit stimulated many lines of thought here in Topeka. I hope some of them will bear fruit in the future. I trust that we can raise the $2000 quota; we will put our shoulders to the wheel and try.

I noted with humble gratitude that you were feeling "quite fine" and I passed your "thank you" along to those who helped make it possible, and who, by the way, refused pay for the service because they feel that your work has spiritual significance.

I was grateful too, that you are spiritually receptive enough to receive such aid. I thought of The Beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit." I shall always be happy to give such cooperation when you have need.

Sincerely,
Mabel M. Patterson
1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas

NC-FPC
Topeka Council

January 8, 1946

Miss Mabel E. Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Friend,

I want to thank you for your letter of January 1st. It was indeed encouraging and helpful.

Let me wish you a Happy New Year and all the friends who cooperated with you in this worthy effort for FEPC.

I enjoyed my stay in Topeka and hope someday to return.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas
January 31, 1946

My dear friend:

Just read the Plaindealer and noted that you were ill and could not attend the Mayflower meeting. I wish I had known, you know the Scriptures say "one can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand to flight." Well if we had been able to get after old man disease we would have made him fly too. I trust you are not letting worry over the strain, stress and cost of this thing get you. If you are please remember this: you are carrying out God's work the plan, wisdom and responsibility are His. He depends on you for the human steps while He works His purpose out. He never fails nor does he lack funds. Since before Him all evil is powerless, what can a few puny Bilbos & Eastlands do? So "stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord." Let him carry the burden and point the way, bringing victory in His own appointed time.

I regretted that we did not have an opportunity to discuss some topics that might have helped you hold onto your healing by better understanding its nature. Hope some day you have some spare time to come to Mrs Moodys and sleep & rest, get some treatment and study some of the healing methods. You might put that on your daily reminder, whenever you find a date for such activity.

We are calling in what money we have this week to send to National but we are not closing the campaign. Packing house strikes and other threatened strikes have made for conservative watchfulness on purses, so we will go on collecting as they feel more like giving. Some are giving dinners & entertainments to raise their money. The youth have programs in churches & take a silver offering. We were at Red Hill church last Sunday night. The Deltas sold $30 worth of buttons in the lobby of the colored theater. So education and work continues but money comes in small amounts.

If you have not snapped out of this please let me know and what the symptoms are whether flu worry or what. If you prefer to write directly to the practitioner who helped you before, I shall be happy to furnish name and address. at any rate get well please!

Sincerely,
Mabel M. Patterson
1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas

P.S. I meant to tell you that Clara Koenig who worked among the Y.W. group in the campaign was the first to report her $50. The Delta sorority chapter here was established in recent years and I had lost that college enthusiasm & did not become active. I am a charter member of Iota Chapt Boston & helped establish Alpha Alpha in K.C. so the girls ask me about becoming active when they entered the campaign. I told them if they raised $60 I would pay my $10 back dues and become active. They have reported $65 & are still raising money. They had just depleted their treasury with a scholarship fund. They covered Kansas Day banquet with button sales. Dr Price had me speak on F.E.P.C. & Rev Hill's address of welcome was salted & peppered with F.E.P.C.

Let me know how you feel please

M.M.P.

NC-FEPC
Topeka Council

1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas
January 13, 1946

Mr A. Phillip Randolph
217 W. 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Mr Randolph:

Please excuse these informal notes but I find it easier to get one off on sunday or a holiday than to get a formal letter out at work.

I am glad that I was led to express my thoughts if you found them "helpful & encouraging". I hope my friendship continues to mean that to you. If it does I shall feel rewarded; for you are surely deserving of encouragement. As I read your 'thank you' in this connection it occured to me that you probably did not know — or did you? That thought waves brought a lovely expression of your appreciation on Saturday morning preceding the dictation of your letter on Tuesday.

We are launched into our financial campaign. Christmas coming in, shortened our time so that we will have to continue until the end of the month. We have had two meetings so far and will have the third next Wednesday night. The first two have been to find out if & how workers were working.

Financial campaigns are new in my experience so I do not feel as secure in guidance as I do in some other areas of work; but if ~~we~~ one learns to do by doing, I guess this is my beginning lesson.

When the "some day" arrives that you "hope" to return to Topeka, we will be ready to roll out the welcome carpet, and happy to say howdy, Western fashion.

Sincerely

Mabel M. Patterson
1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas.

P.S. It was Kirby Page that Judge Widdell had speak to us from Columbia, in the interracial meeting I told you about.

NC—FEPC
Topeka Council

February 18, 1946

Miss Mabel M. Patterson
1734 Van Buren
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Miss Patterson:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of January 31st expressing your interest in my health and the humble efforts I am making in behalf of justice in employment opportunities for the Negro and other minorities. I assure you I appreciate this immensely. I have been down with the flu, perhaps due to the fact that I violated nature's laws and got up too early from my first attack, but I am feeling very much better now.

I am glad to know that the activities in the interest of FEPC in Topeka are moving along. While the forces of adversity are apparently riding high against us I am confident that truth will ultimately prevail and victory will be ours.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Re FEPC
Topeka

1734 Van Buren
Topeka Kansas
Feb. 22 - 46

Dear Mr Randolph:

Washington's birthday brings another holiday when I can say a word to friends at a distance.

Your letter, which arrived yesterday, made me quite happy; stating, as it did, that my Captain had regained the realization of his spiritual dominion over his health and his world. Hang onto it this time.

Though I could not be in D.C. for the strategy conference today, my thoughts and prayers have been with you in your deliberations.

It was dear of you to take time out of such a busy period to let me know how you felt and I do appreciate it, for I was concerned.

Your friend always,

Mabel.

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REV. P. H. HILL
Chairman Mass Meeting

March 28, 1946

Mr. A Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

My dear Mr. Randolph:

There has been silence from your quarter for some time now. I trust it is because you are busy and not that you are ill.

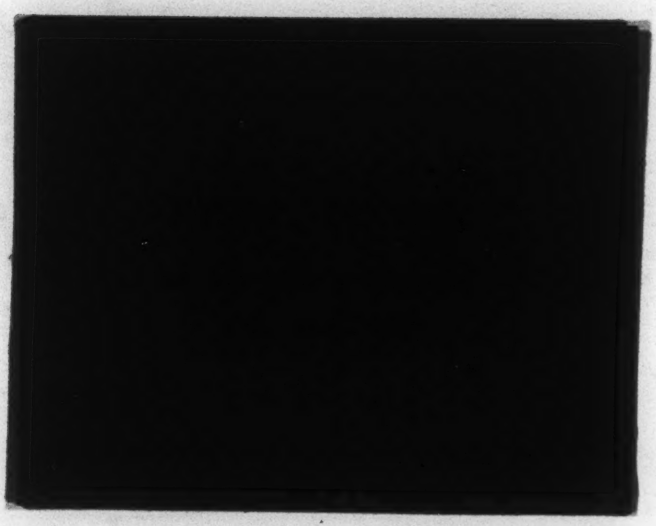
If it is the latter and you cannot make it atay licked, remember the suggestion you were to put on your daily remimder.

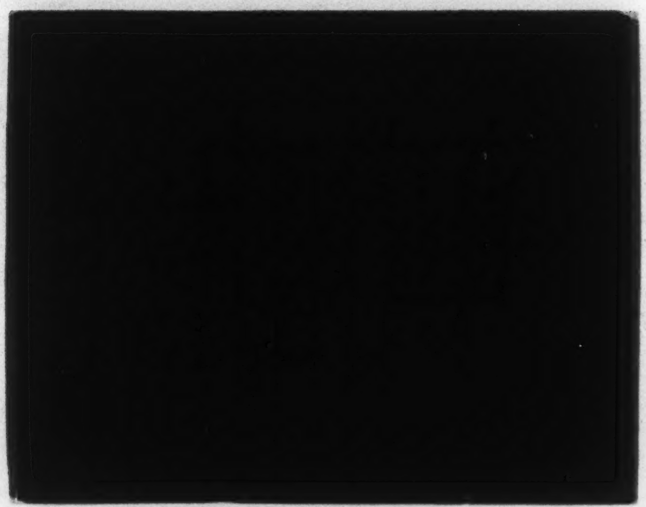
work is going foward for FEPC nothing spectacular but steadily. We must combine education with money raising, which slows it down more than it would if we could have been educated first.

We have just received a supply of the March fourth "News From Washington, They have been mailed to leaders for study in preparation for ameeting which I hope to call early im April.

Cordially yours,
Mabel M. Patterson
Mabel M. Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka Kansas

MASS MEETING DECEMBER 11, 1945 — MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM





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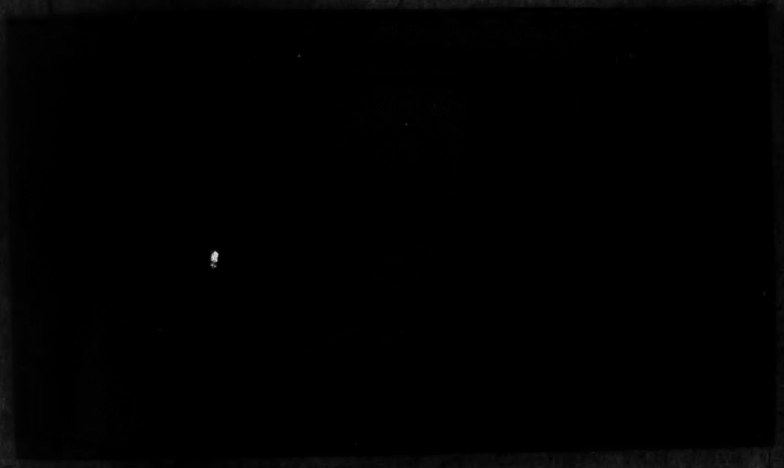

BACK F. E. P. C.—Members of Gamma Beta chapter and the Pyramid club [illegible] Sigma Theta sorority, are striving to help back the FEPC by raising finance for its support. The above picture shows Soror Ruth Scott, treasurer of the chapter, presenting a check to Soror Mable Patterson, local chairman of the FEPC. This money was raised by the Pyramid club and sorors, who sold FEPC buttons to patrons of the Ritz theater in the theater lobby.

Another sum of money was turned over to Harry Carpet, treasurer of the local branch of the FEPC, which was from individual contributions of sorors and contributions from friends and citizens interested in the FEPC. The total amount collected by the chapter was $[illegible].

Reading from left to right, are: Soror Aileen Moffett, dean of pledges; Soror Ruth Scott, Soror Mable Patterson; Pyramid Norma Jean [illegible], president of the Pyramid club; Soror Mildred Fox, president of Gamma Beta chapter, and Soror Alyce Monroe, central regional director.

Vashon High Chosen For Racial Project

By HAROLD E. [illegible]

ST. LOUIS — Vashon high school has been selected as one of the seven schools in this area to be used in a project to determine racial [illegible] among children and [illegible] means for combating [illegible] based on [illegible] station in [illegible].

Similar projects are being conducted in 17 areas under the auspices of the American Council of Education. The project will be in operation until June, 1947.

With early findings supporting the premise that prejudice is primarily due to the lack of knowledge about the victims of discrimination, the project will consist of tests to be administered to determine pupils' attitudes and various types of observations to be made in places where the races come in close contact with one another, on street cars, in downtown areas, etc.

These findings, combined with the reports from 17 other areas will be used by the American Council to formulate a nationwide program to combat discrimination.

In addition to the major purpose of the project, the program includes an enlargement of a race relations curriculum to embrace a study of contributions made to America's development by all groups, a study of religions, cooperation between schools and means of combatting discrimination at the source from which it originates—the parents and the home.

Frank M. Sakwer, teacher of sociology and race relations at McKinley high school, white, is director of the project here.

[illegible] Concert Pianist

Nip Wichita Jim Crow Attempt

Warn Promoter on Seating at Marian Anderson Recital

WICHITA, Kas. — Efforts of Ben C. Truex, white promoter, to segregate Negroes at the Marian Anderson recital here to be held Friday, March 8 were halted after a committee composed of leading citizens informed Truex that his jim crow policy was a violation of Kansas law and offensive to citizens of all groups.

The committee composed of Charles S. Bettis, vice-president of the Kansas Conference of the N.A.A.C.P.; Rev. C. Albert Henson, president of the Ministerial Association; and William Smith, president of the Wichita branch of the N.A.A.C.P. secured Truex's admission that he was segregating colored purchasers of recital seats.

Bettis, acting as spokesman for the committee, told Truex that unless the jim crow policy was discontinued steps would be taken for cancellation of the recital and for court action. After a hurried conference with his backers, the promoter told the committee that he would discontinue his segregated seating arrangements. Bettis advised him that checkers would be on hand to see that no attempt is made to prevent Negro patrons from sitting in any part of the auditorium.

An examination of the contract held by Truex shows a clause prohibiting any kind of discrimination at the Marian Anderson recital on account of race or color.

The Ben C. Truex attractions books road shows in the municipally-owned Wichita Forum and Arcadia and, in the past, has followed a rigid jim crow policy in seating Negro patrons attending any of its shows or recitals. At the recent appearance of Bill Robinson here, the noted tap dancer suffered a financial loss when local Negroes refused to attend the affair and conform with the jim crow seating policy.

FRANKLIN, KAS.

Franklin, Kas.—Mrs.
tertained with

POST-SERVICE [illegible] Mrs. Arline Pollard, [illegible] of Speed, Mo., has [illegible] "The Pageant of [illegible]" by Contemporary [illegible] from her brother, [illegible] shown, Pfc. Russell Collins. Two of the poems are [illegible] contributions, "In My C[illegible]" and "Wandering D[illegible]." Young Collins is [illegible] Birmingham [illegible] Hospital, Va Nuys, [illegible] Mrs. Collins resides [illegible], Mo., where her [illegible] is pastor of the A.M.E. [illegible].

Women Organize Bar Association Auxiliary

ST. LOUIS — Members of the ladies auxiliary of the Mound City Bar association were guests at a banquet given by the lawyers at the Pine Street Y.M.C.A. Saturday night.

Mrs. Freda [illegible], president, said the auxiliary was organized [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible] portion of the civic [illegible] carried on by the lawyers [illegible] can give more [illegible] legal [illegible].

Other [illegible] of the auxiliary are: Mrs. [illegible], vice president; [illegible] Bush, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Frazier, assistant secretary; Mrs. Lovella Lucas, treasurer, and Mrs. Don Bowles, corresponding secretary.

Attorney [illegible] Lucas, president of the bar association presided.

CHILLICOTHE, MO.

Chillicothe, Mo. — Mt. [illegible]
church, Rev.

MC–FEPC
Topeka Council

April 12, 1946

Miss Mabel E. Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Miss Patterson:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of March 28th. Congratulations upon the splendid work the Council is doing. I have been rather busy on some trips for FEPC but I am well and doing all right. May I hope you will keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

Wed. May 1
1946

My dear Mr Randolph:

Easter did not prove to be one of those holidays which I have for myself and spend in letter writing. It just occured to me, however, that you will probably be away around the sixth, if you have not already gone and that I had best get a line to you.

First I wish to congratulate you and say how happy it made us when you helped create a new party and are heading it. I was at the cross roads and felt a definite need for such a step.

F.E.P.C. is moving along. Dr Margaret Brenman a Jewish psychiatrist at Menningers raised $53.50 out at the Clinic & hospital for us, so now we have sent in enough to take us over our first $500. In private savings it is the first hundred that is the hardest but for our council it was the first $500. We had planned to present an artist in June but decided to wait until fall because churches and organizations have swamped us with them just now.

In reply to your query whether I will continue to work, I am sure that you know I will as long as I can. It might be that employment will take me away from Topeka; if that should happen I will place F.E.P.C. affairs in the care of the advisory committee and they will find satisfactory leadership. This is entirely in the realm of possibility at present and I mention only that if it should happen you ~~will~~ would not think I had fallen by the wayside, run out on you or "somethin' or other" as Edgar Bergen's Mortimer would say.

Mr Carper our treasurer & co-chairman

for finance is leaving soon for a three months rest. Dr ordered it for his health. Mr Black has been in the hospital for an operation, our secretary in night school so I have just about had a one woman council; but things will be better this fall.

Please dont feel that I am rushing you for an answer when I ask how you are but I do want you to keep well and I know you can do so with a little thought. Your illness slipped up on me before, dont let it do that again please. (smile)

Miss Butterfield is leaving YWCA July 1st after 19 years we regret it but one fine thing she is remaining in Topeka.

Best wishes and prayerful thoughts to you always; remember me to Mr Brown or any one else with whom I am acquainted in the office.

Sincerely

Mabel M. Patterson

NC-FEPC
Topeka Counc

May 21, 1946

Mrs. Mabel Patterson
1734 Van Buren
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that I was glad to know that the Council is moving forward. It is encouraging to hear of its activities.

I hope that you may not be required to leave Topeka, but if you are, I know that you will leave all the FEPC affairs in a satisfactory condition.

I want to thank you for your interest and fine spirit of cooperation. I am glad to say that I am feeling fine now.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:MB

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Sun May 26, - 46

Dear friend:

Just a note to say that I received your letter of the 21st last Friday morning. I have a long letter in mind for you but it will be Thurs. next at least before I can transfer it to paper.

Nearness of thought is always a great comfort and boon to companionship and I cherish it. However an occasional letter stating that "I am feeling fine" etc is quite reassuring and I was glad to receive yours.

You see it helps me to function efficiently here when I know you are holding onto your dominion wherever you are; therefore if you wish your workers to stay on their toes, you will have to keep well for us.

Keep chin up trusting and knowing all is well.

Letter soon,

Mabel

P.S. I am so glad you spell Philip with one l it took me a long time to notice that but it means a lot.

Thurs. May 30
1946

Dear Mr Randolph:

The holiday is almost gone I have completed most of the chores one saves up for such a day and now it is time to relax. So now lets have one of our heart-to-heart holiday chats – shall we?

Your thank you, interest and cooperation that you mention sounds too important for the tiny bit that I am able to contribute, but if it has helped even a little that is rewarding and my thoughts are always toward you with the best that they can offer.

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We are pushing action in the council. I had Miss Hedgeman's telegram memeographed and sent copies to council and friends, put them in the bulletins of the three largest churches.

One of the white members on the staff of the organization for which I work has recently become chairman of FOR for Topeka. She helps me with FEPC & I help her with FOR. She is so pleased with the way you expressed yourself in the forward of 'Erasing The Color Line'. She has sold a great many of them too. She was at YW interracial dinner the night you were here.

The K.U. Interracial group has been selling buttons for the council

They had hoped to oranize a council of their own. and ask the Lawrence League for Democracy to join them. I was awaiting their final word because when it was all worked out they wanted you to organize them and I was to find out when you would be close enought to come out. When they ask the Lawrence League, they were told that the League wished to concentrate on local problems first. Some outside the League criticized the students Y for giving so much time to interracial affairs. Since their interracial house is new and since they are dependent upon the chest their advisors thought they should wait until they were more firmly established. That is why we have carried them under the wing of our council. I have told them if they return and the situation is somewhat as it is now. perhaps you can visit them next year when out this way. They have studied your life and were studying FEPC long before we presented you. They would not try to organize probably but it would give them encouragement to have you as their guest.

I trust you are not letting this fight worry you over much. You have been in my mind a great deal as Congress has pulled its tricks

If it passes the bill that will be a great victory and we shall all rejoice. If it does not pass it the chances are they will just be giving you the opportunity to father a better bill, more in step with peace time needs. It has been my opinion that it was an injustice to you and a hindrance to FEPC for you to be required to raise the money for it. especially after the budget had been practically set up for huge sums of govt. spending. It manacled your ~~hands~~ mind and separated you from the deep reservoirs of spiritual inspiration that have enabled you to triumph in spite of obstacles so many times before.

Though I have not made myself known to you I have missed few if any of your addresses in K.C. and on several occasions have attended discussion groups following the program. And I have always felt that you more than any other of our leaders (I have sat at the feet of most of them as lecturers & discussion leaders in institutes & classes, headliners at conventions or what have you) it ~~sh~~ has always been my opinion that you had a deep spiritual quality back of your brilliant mind which gave you a power the others lacked. I did not get this idea from any mention, on your part of anything spiritual, never heard you refer to it but it was not necessary any more than it is for the rose to ask us to notice its fragrance.

Because this is true. you had to

almost reverse yourself. where once you looked at the center of the universe where that which we see manifested is created; but as a money raiser you had to look fearfully at the material demonstration. No time for quiet thought. study of strategy. There are many who can raise money but none with the mental & spiritual power that you have. So you see, precious one, you are too valuable to wear your body and weary your mind running up and down getting money. If we have to fight this battle over again for another bill, I do so very much hope that you will not assume that responsibility. Do try to keep away from that end of it and again be able to "possess your soul." and not be too overburdened by dollar demands to hear the still small voice & see the way that it would lead and drink in the inspiration of His unfolding plan.

I hope I have not been too forward in saying this, you encourage me to express my thoughts and you are one of the very few people ~~that~~ to whom it is easy for me to tell my thoughts.

Good night & best wishes

Mabel

[Patterson]

NC - FEPC
Topeka Council

June 4, 1946

Mrs. Mabel Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Friend:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of May 28th. I am always glad to hear from you, because you always radiate optimism and faith. These are fine forces that are necessary for the success and progress of individuals and groups.

The fight for FEPC goes forward. Keep up the good work. Kindly remember me to all my friends.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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1734 Van Buren St
Topeka Kansas

Sunday
June 9 - 46

Dear Mr Randolph:

This is just a note, for the purpose of making a confession. I did something without asking your permission, so had better find out whether I am to be reprimanded.

Not long since a letter came asking whether I would be interested in a position in another city. There were inquiries as to my work and interests. In enumerating these F.E.P.C. was mentioned and in connection with it, I stated that you had been here in December and saw my activity with the community for F.E.P.C. and added that they might write you if they cared to. They may not write, as they had previously requested and I had given references; but if they should, you will understand what it is all about.

The Topeka Y.W. delegation to National was headed by the wife of our Governor they brought back grand reports. While there they told one of the National officers about your visit to Topeka and the interracial dinner. Soon afterward I received a letter from National, requesting that I send a write up of the dinner & the council for the Women's Press. She said this was the only instance she knew of where an F.E.P.C. council was a direct outgrowth of Y.W. Public affairs. Lois told me of the visit of their group and the waffles & ham with you. I am trying to find a colored secretary for her. the Jap-amer girl sec'y who worked with the council is leaving to attend college.

Now that things are quieter are you getting some rest? I hope so, try to won't you?

Before this note grows to a letter it had better be finished by saying: Keep well and happy no matter what happens. We who believe in you are ever on the alert to help as needed and above and beyond our imperfect, limited, human devotion is the eternal love of the Father.

Mabel

NC-FEPC
Topeka Council

June 11, 1946

Mrs. Mabel Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 30th concerning the FEPC and my humble part in it. I want you to know that I appreciate from the bottom of my heart the fine work you and your co-workers have done and are doing. I am glad to know that you are getting splendid cooperation from groups that are spiritually dedicated to the cause of human justice and the better world.

It is a pleasure to know that the interracial group of Kansas University is selling buttons for the Council and that the Lawrence League wants your cooperation. This shows that a righteous cause will ere long secure faithful adherence.

I have had quite a problem trying to raise funds for FEPC. I am glad to say that we are making substantial progress.

I hope it may be possible for me to come in the vicinity of Topeka sometime in the not distant future. I will let you know when that will be.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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NC-FEPC
Topeka Council

Wed June 19
1946

My dear Mr Randolph:

Both your letters arrived in the same mail last Friday or perhaps it was Thurs: at any rate it made a nice bright spot in my day, just twice as big as it would have been had they arrived one at the time.

We know that you are sincere in your appreciation of any cooperation we are able to give, small though it may be. You are like that, appreciation is one of your fine qualities. and may I say that we appreciate you both as a leader and as a person. One, who can live through heart ache, ingratitude, treachery, achievement topped by public admiration and still retain so much that is fine, is worthy; and fortunate are those who can say, "he is my friend."

It is nice to know that you are

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coming west and I am glad you told me, because if there is a possibility that the trip might extend to Topeka I want to shape my plans with that in mind. So far there has been no definite date set for the start of my vacation, I have not brought it up because of the possibility of taking other work. But if I know your plans and the time of your trip I can adjust to them. We will be happy to have you. We may not be able to house and feed you as we would like but I suspect we are no worse off than the rest of the country in that respect.

Do I radiate optimism & faith in my letters? Dear of you to say that. We all reach stretches along the path where that is about all we have to guide us. Since that is true of a small world it is much more so in your greater one.

R.U. had its commencement last week, some of the girls at the house were graduated. I do not know whether they will continue the project next year but I hope they do.

It was indeed a relief to know that you are getting fund raising under control so that you will not have to worry about it. I trust you wont have to go through that ever again.

I shall be listening for more information. Since there is a possibility of seeing you soon I will not try to write a letter. This is just a note.

your friend.

Mabel

[Patterson]

MC-FEPC
Topeka-
Council

Monday Eve.
July 1 - 46

Dear friend:

Your thought came to me so strongly today. I did not see the daily paper until this evening. Then of course the ending of the Presidents committee caught my eye. Naturally my thought turned to you.

I am glad that you are not allowing this to upset you. War time F.E.P.C. was much like the house built upon sand. Confused thinking, hurried handling, minds going in all directions. It was like the war an emergency, necessary but not constructed on permanent lines.

Now that the hullabaloo is over. Things quiet, erring mortal mind feeling that it has won. This is an excellent time to lay a sure foundation on the solid rock of faith and understanding. God and you; working in secret to be rewarded later openly. When the storm and wind beat upon the house and it stands because it is firmly set and deeply rooted to the rock.

For your sake I am glad this much is over. Now you will not have to be rushed ~~put~~ pulled and torn with ~~super~~ responsibility. You can hear the 'Still Small Voice' now that the wind & storm are passed. For Therein lies your power.

My prayers will join yours. Keep Trusting and watching. Victory will be yours. A thing that big & far reaching cannot be won by intellectual planning alone or by politics either (over/Please)

Gods work is done & it is good we bring it to light by following His plan.

Devotedly

Mabel

[Patterson]

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Topeka Council

July 8, 1946

Miss Mabel Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mabel,

Just a word to thank you for your letter of recent date. I am always glad to get a word from you to learn of what's going on and how you are doing.

You may be assured you can present me as reference for anything you wish, at any time. If I am referred to I will be glad to give you a fine recommendation which you so richly deserve.

I am glad to learn of the YWCA's attitude of the FEPC at its last convention in Atlantic City. Of course the Y is a progressive national movement and has vision and understanding.

I hope you are enjoying the summer and sometime during the fall I may come to Topeka again and enjoy the fellowship of our friends and co-workers.

Cordially,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC - FEPC
Topeka Counc

July 9, 1946

Miss Mabel Patterson
1734 Van Buren Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mabel:

Thanks a lot for your letter of June 19th relative to my making a trip in your section. May I say that I do not have any plans to come your way soon. It may be quite into the fall or winter before I will be able to make a trip in your section, but when my plans are developed, I will let you know in advance.

Everything moves promisingly forward on the FEPC front.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:NB

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706 E 8 St. Topeka
Sunday July 14
1946

My dear friend:

Now that the official visit is definitely fall or winter, I can settle back and forget about it for a long time. However, should you run into this section on other business any time before that and care to drop by for a friendly visit the latch string is outside. In that case there will be no worry on my part because I have such pleasant memories of being a part of these kinds of get-togethers for a good many years.

I saw Miss Summers (Little Bit) off yesterday morning with a Y delegation three colored & 3 white headed for summer camp at Derricotte in St Louis. She was thrilled & excited.

Rev. Foust sent an agent for the Sister Tharpe musicians yesterday to see if we would be interested in presenting them for F.E.P.C. They wanted an August date which is too soon and interferes with vacation. I told him if no one else booked them and they came this way in the fall we would consider it.

Since I have been writing you a member of a recently formed local of A.F.L. came to see about meeting at the center today. The international officials are here trying to get better working conditions for the colored boys at the Santa Fe ~~shops~~ offices. They get no sick leave, no maximum pay, the back door janitor does the work of shipping clerk on janitors pay; and there are other unfair deals.

It is gratifying that F.E.P.C. is moving along. Wish ole pappy O'Daniels had attached it to O.P.A. and they had passed it. All the bills have had rough sledding though. Please remember not to over load yourself with responsibilities for F.E.P.C. future. all the minorities are in there, let some of them assume some of it. Since you thought of it, fought for it and raised money to hold it why "Set down and rest a little while".

My vacation has been set for the first two weeks in august. Should you write me during that time. please send to 706 E. 8th st my home instead of the 1734 Van B, my place of employment.

I appriciated your letters and I do thank you for reassuring me about the visit. You are an unusual person. (as if you did not know) Perhaps that is part of the reason why I admire you. God is good to give us "folks" like you. May He ~~multiply~~ multiply your blessings

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Best wishes

Sincerely

Mabel

P.S. I like your letters to start

Dear Mabel; thats nice.

NC-FEPC
Topeka Council

Saturday
July 27-46

Hi Neighbor:

How are you? Thoughts seem a little on the indigo side. Has something gone wrong with F.E.P.C.? or are you just "at home to the blues" or are you ill? Dont you think it is about time you dropped me one of those "quickies" where you say "I am well and doing all right, g'bye."? (smile)

Talked to Bobby by phone this A.M. I am to hear her broadcast tomorrow at eleven on WLLAF. If they succeed in "getting Slaughter" she is coming to spend the week end of Aug. 10 so that we can celebrate.

We wont be doing anything here until after vacation, the council I mean, We had no candidates to whip. Reed can be put in line, whenever the right influence starts writing him letters, we find.

Keep well, above all and keep happy

We are all with you in thought and action

(over please)

and you know that your work is assigned and blessed of the Father. So keep your thought uplifted and know that "all is well".

Strange how one is closer in thought to some individuals than to others. I seem to be tuned to yours. So you see when you are happy you help your friends on "your line" to be happy too.

Faithfully

Mabel

P.S. Remember to send the quickie please.

NC FEPC
Topeka Council

August 15, 1946

Miss Mabel Patterson
708 East 8th Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Friend:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of recent date. I am always glad to hear from you. I know that you were glad to hear that Congressman Slaughter was defeated.

I hope that you will work out your plans satisfactorily concerning your new field of work. I hope that I may be coming your way sometime in the near future.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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re: F o R.
Topeka Council

Sunday Morning
Aug. 25, -46

My very dear friend:

It was my intention that you receive this Saturday morning but a slight illness caused me to lose touch with my world for about three days. I am grateful to say that I have the "whip hand" now.

Your letter came the day I mailed mine and I found the release when I returned to work. I felt a little selfish & ashamed at asking you to write when you were under going so much. Isn't it strange that unknowingly I pick your busiest times to get an insatiable desire for a letter? I think I sense something of the stress & get uneasy about you. My guilt feelings were softened somewhat by a pleased feeling that considerate & adorable as you always are, you indulged me and sent the quickie.

I am glad you are laying your "new foundation"; only one thing ~~concerns~~ causes concern and that is that you may tie yourself in for money raising or detail. Please dont. We need you mentally free to plan and receive inspirations. So try to keep away from the material side so that "God can use you."

The last line of your letter gave me a great deal of joyful anticipation. It will be nice when the word comes not as something to happen in the near future but is beginning to happen in the now. Make it soon hear.

I must stop & take this letter to mail as I want to get it on the one oclock plane in order for it to reach you tomorrow.

'Bye now.

Mabel

September 6, 1946

Miss Mabel Patterson
706 East 8th Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Friend:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of recent date. I am always glad to hear from you. Your letters reflect the spiritual force and idealism which is always helpful.

I have just returned from a brief vacation at Forest Park, Pennsylvania. Mr. B. F. McLaurin and Ted Brown were with me. We had an enjoyable time together. I am back at work preparing for our Convention in Chicago.

We are now working on plans to wage a great campaign for FEPC when the next Congress convenes.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:MB

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Sun. Aug 18 – 46

A day that marks the end of a peaceful vacation, the last three days of which have been the nicest, because someone's thought was so very close (course you would not know about that) However since you do not know I will tell you that next to a visit it is the most comforting thing that could happen to one.

[Sept, 1946]

Bobby came last week. She was quite tired. She usually comes to me when she is tired, as do several of my best friends & relatives. I try to have her at a time when she can have meals in bed & just relax. She slept most of the time she was here. I do not have many Topeka callers, since I am at the center daily & can receive friends there. I keep my little apt for quiet sanctuary & rest, a place to get ready to meet the world again. Since my world no longer requires it I do not have a telephone so I have complete peace

Bobby did not have the particulars but she said it was rumored that changes had to be made at Natl. Offices. Sometimes we do have to go thru a rather fiery furnace to reach the goal that God has set up for us, but the Friend of man is always there with us. So whatever furnace or wilderness experiences you may encounter. Victory is in your hand. "Be still & know."

I think this is about the fourth note since I have heard from you, so think I'll wait for a quickie now, — Just to be sure you want to & do receive my message.

Vacation has given more time to study, meditate & remember you in prayer.

Best wishes always

Mabel

November 9, 1946

Miss Mabel Patterson
735 East 8th Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Mabel:

Just a word to say that I am awfully sorry that I have not been able to write you before this. I receive your encouraging and stimulating letters from time to time. You have a deep spiritual life and character which mean much to anyone who may come in contact with you.

We are making every effort to organize our forces to fight for FEPC in the new Congress. I will keep you informed of developments.

I hope I will be coming your way sometime this winter, and it might be my pleasure to see you and have a chat with you again. The fight for FEPC is a hard one, but everything that is worthwhile in this world, which involves freedom and justice is hard. Struggle is a fire which purifies the soul, and hence we must expect to struggle for the attainment of a purer life.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:RB

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Topeka Counc

Friday Nov 22
1946

My dear:

I came in from work tonight and dashed off a note to you before I had eaten or rested. I read it later & it sounded so woe begone just like a hungry, tired person feels. Now with your loving thought pouring in, the mood is quite different. I marvel sometimes at the influence you have over me but as Snooks would say "you know what? I like it."

The strength & nearness of your thought has been comforting & I have leaned on it so much, though in these jumpy periods I have not always been able to make it a fest.

Another Thanksgiving is almost here and I have much to be thankful for. That god has let me know you better with your lovableness & fineness. And that He has lent his spiritual power in crisis

The organization is stalling around with the
study & that tabulation to determine pay increase. I was
not one of the reassigners originally but I have the
opportunity to go so I am taking it. I am packing
sorting & clearing out things but I wont announce
it until the minimum number of days notice
required by our agency and I want to be ready

to take off then. Merely awaiting the time to pass. If you are out this way soon, come see me. If not Ill write you when "I land" (smile) and perhaps Ill see you when you come in that direction.

Bobby wanted us to have a get together but I will not be able to. I have not told her of my plan as I do not want it known here until I resign which will be about ten days yet.

Keep precious & happy. Thank you for picking up that thought of yours: It had me prostrate I keep telling you that you have too much mind to let it get downcast. anyway you are very dear, even when you are downcast (smile)

Bye for now

Mabel

December 21, 1946

Miss Mabel Patterson
706 East 8th Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mabel,

Just a word of remembrance and to say that I am always glad to get your letters because of their fine note of inspiration and faith. I hope that you will have an enjoyable holiday season. One needs sustaining forces of the spirit in these tragic times of storm and stress the world over.

The United Nations closed its sessions having accomplished something in its long hard quest for peace. Of course the diplomats will have to learn that peace does not consist only in the abolition of armaments but also in the peace of mind and spirit.

We are building our forces to fight for FEPC and we will win. Yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

APR;hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

June 12, 1946

Hon. Charles Poletti
598 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Poletti:

I want to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC for your acceptance of the chairmanship of the financial campaign of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, which is leading the fight for the enactment of legislation in Congress for a permanent FEPC.

We are proceeding immediately to get out letter-heads and literature and work up plans to develop the campaign. You will be kept informed of developments, and as Messrs. Max Delson and George Hunton, who are members of the Executive Committee, and I indicated, you will not be burdened with any obligations, except to give a brief talk or talks to some small groups of interested citizens at times that are convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:EB

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June 26, 1948

Mr. Charles Poletti
598 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Poletti;

We have been finally successful in getting interested in a financial campaign for a permanent federal FEPC Commission Messrs: Henry Luce, General Donovan, General Sarnoff, Mrs. Ann Rosenberg, Martin Quigley and Henry Epstein who have agreed to attend the meeting to plan the raising of funds for FEPC. We found July 1st to be the best date for the majority of them. After that date some will be going to Europe and some others will be out of town. Since you suggested you would plan to come back in town for the meeting if arranged, I thought that July 1st may be convenient for you. It would be a great service to the cause of FEPC if you may find it convenient to attend the meeting July 1st, 12:30 noon at a hotel which will be designated. This is the reason for the urgency of the meeting. Besides some of the persons indicated they would be absent from the city later.

Here's hoping you will find it convenient to attend the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

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QTN9 STRAIGHT JUNE 26 1946

GENERAL CHARLES POLETTI
ELIZABETH TOWN NEW YORK=

WE HAVE BEEN FINALLY SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING INTERESTED IN FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR PERMANENT FEDERAL FEPC COMMISSION MESSRS= HENRY LUCE, GENERAL DONOVAN, GENERAL SARNOFF, MRS= ANN ROSENBERG MARTIN QUIGLEY, AND HENRY EPSTEIN WHO HAVE AGREED TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO PLAN RAISING FUNDS FOR FEPC= FOUND JULY 1ST BEST DATE FOR MAJORITY OF THEM AFTER

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FOR YOU= IT WOULD BE A GREAT SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF FEPC IF
YOU MAY FIND IT CONVENIENT TO ATTEND THE MEETING JULY 1ST
12:30 NOON AT A HOTEL WHICH WILL BE DESIGNATED= WE ARE IN
DESPERATE NEED OF GETTING CAMPAIGN STARTED= THIS IS REASON
OF URGENCY OF MEETING= BESIDES SOME OF THE PERSONS INDICATED
WILL BE ABSENT FROM THE CITY LATER= HERELO HOPING YOU MAY

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FIND IT CONVENIENT TO ATTEND MEETING

APHILIP RANDOLPH 217 WEST 125TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY.

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July 3, 1946

General Charles Poletti
450 Seventh Avenue
New York City

My dear General Poletti:

I want to report to you on a meeting we held for the Fair Employment Practice Committee, Monday, July 1st, at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel. Persons present were General David Sarnoff, Mr. Henry Luce, Mr. Martin Quigley, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg and Mr. Isaiah Minkoff, Executive Director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council of Jewish Agencies.

It was agreed that a committee of thirty persons would be set up, and then another meeting would be held to go into the details for raising the five hundred thousand dollar campaign fund for FEPC. Each person agreed to contact some prominent person to enlist them to serve on the committee.

I think it was generally felt that the meeting was a success. We keenly regretted that you could not be present. I told the group of your interest and cooperation. I will keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

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NC-FEPC
NY Council

June 12, 1946

Mrs. Pauss
Social Security Board
11 West 42nd Street
New York City

My dear Mrs. Pauss:

Just a word to say that I appreciate immensely your giving Messrs. Max Delson and George Hunton and myself some of your time discussing ways and means for securing funds to push the fight for legislation for a permanent FEPC in Congress. It is indeed very gracious of you to give us your advice in helping to carry out this program. Mrs. Anna Rosenberg told us that we would find you cooperative. I am glad to say that you are not only cooperative, but you have a complete grasp of this whole question, which enables you to be most effective in helping us carry on this fight.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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February 27, 1946

Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Brother Potofsky:

May I invite you to attend our Madison Square Garden rally tonight at 8:00 p.m.? Indications are that we will have a capacity audience, and that it will prove a most memorable event.

I have been informed by Miss Mary Hillyer that the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America is interested in cooperating with us in this great demonstration against intolerance. I am delighted to hear this. We must show our representatives in Congress that New York City is firmly opposed to government by filibuster, and that we do not consider a temporary set-back as defeat.

What is desperately needed now is funds to counteract the recent disastrous action of the United States Senate. Other national organizations have already advised me of substantial contributions they will make at the Garden to insure the continuance of the fight for a permanent FEPC. May I urge you to secure the cooperation of your organization in making your contribution also -- a contribution commensurate with the great need of this vital cause.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Garden, I am,

Cordially yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-chairman

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CC: A. Philip Randolph

NY-FEPC

March 13, 1946

Miss Marcella Powers
25 West 54 Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Powers:

Permit me on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC to express my sincere appreciation for your interest and fine spirit of cooperation which helped to make the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally a great success.

I assure you that your contribution to this epoch-making event will never be forgotten, and I hope you will help us build the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC so that it may continue to serve this cause which we hope may arrest the rising tides of racism in America.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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-217 West 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

June 28, 1946

Mr. Martin Quigley, Sr.
Rockefeller Centre
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Quigley:

Permit me to remind you of the luncheon of the small committee to discuss plans to raise funds for a permanent federal Fair Employment Practice Commission law. I want to express our great appreciation for your consent to attend the luncheon and to cooperate with our efforts to secure legislation to help eliminate intolerance, bigotry and discrimination because of color, creed or country.

Persons who have agreed to attend the luncheon are: Miss Ann Rosenberg, General David Sarnoff, Mr. Henry Luce, together with the arranging committee of three.

The luncheon will be held at the Sherry-Netherlands, 59th Street and 5th Avenue, Room 1A, 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 1st.

We are looking forward with pleasure to our meeting with you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Madison Square Meeting

- 217 West 125 St.
New York, N. Y.

January 3, 1946

Mr. James Quinn
Central Trades and Labor Council
265 West 14th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Just a word to express my great appreciation for the endorsement of the Madison Square Garden Meeting for a permanent FEPC by the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York. I assure you this will mean everything to our fight for this legislation in Congress. It will also strengthen our forces and prevent the Communists from carrying out their scheme of taking over.

May I say that I have been down with the flu and am still under the weather and unable to get around. I won't be able to make the next meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council but want to have Mr. B. F. McLaurin, International Field Organizer for the Brotherhood to pinch-hit for me. He is a sound trade unionist and also knows the story about the Communist's effort to take over the fight for FEPC to win glory for their cause.

I will be glad if you will also permit him to appear before the Executive Committee of the Council on January 14th.

With cordial good wishes and the season's greetings, I am

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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NY Council
FEPC

March 13, 1946

Mr. James Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer
Central Trades and Labor Council of New York
265 West 14th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Quinn:

Permit me to express my great appreciation for the fine cooperation and help you gave to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC in building up the Madison Square Garden Rally for FEPC. It proved that democratic groups can build up a great meeting in Madison Square Garden without the aid of the Communists, and in the face of opposition.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:MB

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September 13, 1946

Mr. James C. Quinn, Secretary
Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York
265 West 14th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Quinn:

The National Council for a Permanent F. E. P. C. of which I have the honor to be co-chairman, is presently reorganizing and revitalizing our organizational structure in order that we may be properly equipped to bring about the enactment of a permanent federal fair employment practice commission.

Recognizing the threat to our democracy and to a stable labor movement implicit in employment discrimination, the American Federation of Labor has been an active participant and a constant supporter of the activities of the National Council. At the last meeting of our Executive Committee, Mr. Boris Shishkin suggested your name to represent the American Federation of Labor on our Administrative Committee.

Knowing your deep interest in the cause of fair employment practices, it gives me considerable pleasure to extend this formal invitation to you to become a member of our Administrative Committee. I know that you can contribute immeasurably to the accomplishment of our purpose, and I look forward with pleasure to your participation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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November 22, 1946

Mr. James C. Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer
Central Trades and Labor Council
265 West 14th Street
New York City

Dear James:

Just a word of remembrance and to hope that you are feeling fine since our great Convention of the A.F. of L. in Chicago.

I am writing to request you to drop a line to Mr. Arnold Aronson, Coordinating Secretary of the Administration Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, at 386 Madison Avenue, informing him that you have accepted membership on the Committee and will be ready to work with us from time to time.

We plan to have a meeting, Monday, November 25th at 10:30 at 386 Madison Avenue in the offices of the National Community Relations Council.

I want to let you know that we sincerely appreciate your interest and fine spirit of cooperation in consenting to serve on this Committee as a representative of the A.F. of L.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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Madison Square
meeting
(Held)

January 8, 1946

Mr. Thomas Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer
Central Trades and Labor Council
265 West 14th Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir and Brother:

On behalf of the New York Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, I want to express our great appreciation and thanks for the endorsement of the Madison Square Garden Rally for a Permanent FEPC, by the New York Central Trades and Labor Council. I assure you that this will mean everything to the fight that is being waged by the legitimate democratic forces of our city and country for pressure in Congress, which will help to banish religious bigotry, racial discrimination and nationality intolerance from our country. It will help us build true democracy, which will not be menaced by totalitarianism, either from the right or left.

May I wish for you and the officers and membership of the Central Trades and Labor Council a happy and prosperous new year.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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ASA PHILIP. RANDOLPH

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A PHILLIP RANDOLPH=
217 WEST 125 ST=

COURT CASE AND IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THEATRE SITUATION HERE DEMAND MY PRESENCE MONDAY . CAN YOU POSTPONE MEETING TILL TUESDAY SAME HOUR. WIRE OR CALL ME=

L A RANSOM.

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NC-FEPC
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March 16, 1946

Mr. John P. Bicher
Dunbar Hotel
15th and U Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bicher:

Just a word to say how greatly I appreciated the find and valuable cooperation you gave in the fight for FEPC in Congress. I assure you that your counsel has been most constructive and helpful.

Cordially,

APR:hm
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A. Philip Randolph
International President

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217 W. 125 St.
New York, N. Y.

January 28, 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Warwick Hotel
London, England

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am extremely grateful to know of your acceptance of Honorary Chairman for the FEPC rally being held at Madison Square Garden on February 28th. The filibuster now going on in Congress makes public awareness urgent and your attendance at the rally imperative. More important still would you consent to speak at the rally. Your message is invaluable to the cause.

Would it be possible for you to mention your Chairmanship in your Column?

Very sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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March 1, 1946.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I want you to know how very deeply appreciative we all were to have you at the Madison Square Garden Rally last night. I always feel that it is an imposition to add to your very full schedule. We know, however, that there is no one in the United States who gives such chance and strength to a meeting as you do. Your talk was excellent and made just the points that we hoped and knew you would make for, as vital as a permanent FEPC law is to the United States, we must never lose sight of the fact that we are part of the world scene.

We all look forward to your continued cooperation with us in this fight which we hope will not be too long.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph.

APR:b

217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N.Y.

July 5, 1946

Mr. Elmer Roper
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roper:

Just a word to express on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC and myself personally, our great appreciation for your interest in and cooperation with the movement to secure the enactment of federal legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission. I assure you that we were all delighted that you consented to set-up for us a public relations committee which will handle our public relations and that you will direct this vital aspect of the struggle.

Business requires that I go to Canada the 8th of July, but during my absence Mr. Max Delson, my co-worker, and Chairman of our Administrative Committee will work with you. He is at 270 Broadway and I think we left you his phone number.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

APR:ha
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A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC
NY Council

ELMO ROPER
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA · NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

August 26, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Just a note to confirm our luncheon date for twelve-thirty Wednesday, August 28th, in Room 2 at the Rockefeller Center Luncheon Club, which is on the 65th floor of 30 Rockefeller Plaza. There will be seven of us.

Cordially yours,

Elmo Roper S.

Elmo Roper

ER ms

Signed in Mr. Roper's
absence at his request.

ELMO ROPER
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA · NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

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August 29, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I have been trying to think of somebody who might make an extremely able paid spark plug for the F. E. P. C. movement, and I have finally thought of one who meets every specification I can think of. I enclose a letter just received from him, along with some information about him.

I realize that we don't know yet what we are going to have to work with, but would you be interested in seeing him when he is here?

Cordially yours,

Elmo Roper

Elmo Roper

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Ruby Hodges
Victory 1334

Bernadette Tolson
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NC-FEPC
NY Committee

September 6, 1946

Mr. Elmo Roper
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Roper:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 29th with enclosures concerning Mr. Stanley D. Kane, whom we may secure to do a job for our FEPC movement. According to the memorandum on him, he seems to be a natural.

Mr. Max Delson and myself would be glad to meet with Mr. Kane and yourself when he returns to New York.

I hope we may be able to have another chat as soon as we get our political data together.

We recently got young Franklin D. Roosevelt and Owen Root to serve on our Financial Committee.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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May 2, 1946

Miss Ann R. Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Rosenberg:

Just a word of remembrance and the hope that you are enjoying the best of health. I read about the fine and constructive things you are doing from time to time in the press.

A few citizens have gotten together in New York City for the purpose of giving some special attention to the bills for FEPC now before Congress and they have requested me to talk with you with a view to securing your cooperation in this effort.

May I request a conference with you some day at your convenience? I am leaving for the west today and won't return until the 11th of May. I will appreciate knowing if I may see you then.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Anna M. Rosenberg
PUBLIC RELATIONS · LABOR RELATIONS · PERSONNEL RELATIONS
444 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N.Y. · Eldorado 5-7795-6

May 6, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

It was nice to hear from you again. I will be in town on the 11th of May and could see you about 11:30 AM, at the above address.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know if this is convenient for you, and if not I will be back from Washington on Wednesday, May 15th, and if you will call me then, we can make other arrangements.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,
Anna M. Rosenberg
Anna M. Rosenberg

NC [illegible]
NY Council

May 22, 1946

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Thanks a lot for your letter of May 6, 1946 suggesting date and time for possible conference. I have been out West and down South for the last week or so and I am required to go to Chicago again, but when I return, I will give you a ring and will appreciate a conference with you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NY Council

31 May 1946

My dear Eric:

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, has asked me to give him a letter of introduction to you as he is very anxious to see you.

He will be very glad to come to Washington if necessary, or see you in New York, but would appreciate it if you would see him as soon as possible.

I have known Mr. Randolph for a long time, and I would be personally grateful if you would give him a few minutes of your time. He can be reached at 217 West 125th Street, Room 301, New York, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Anna M. Rosenberg

Mr. Eric Johnston
Motion Picture Association
1600 Eye Street
Washington, D. C.

June 10, 1946

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Just a word to say that I appreciate the time you gave our committee discussing ways and means to secure the enactment of bills for a permanent FEPC in the Congress. We had a conference with Mrs. Posse and it was quite fruitful. She not only showed deep concern and interest, but she was fully familiar with the whole fight for FEPC both within our state and in Congress. She has agreed to work with us in our financial campaign.

I received a telegram from Mr. Eric Johnson while he was in Chicago, suggesting a conference for next Friday. I wired him that I would be unable to meet with him at that time in Washington, but suggested that I would get in touch with him when I return East.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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217 West 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

June 28, 1946

Miss Ann Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Rosenberg:

Permit me to remind you of the luncheon of the small committee to discuss plans to raise funds for a permanent federal Fair Employment Practice Commission law. I want to express our great appreciation for your consent to attend the luncheon and to cooperate with our efforts to secure legislation to help eliminate intolerance, bigotry and discrimination because of color, creed or country.

Persons who have agreed to attend the luncheon are: Mr. Henry Luce, General David Sarnoff, Mr. Martin Quigley, together with the arranging committee of three.

The luncheon will be held at the Sherry-Netherlands Hotel, 59th Street and 5th Avenue, Room 1A, 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 1st.

We are looking forward with pleasure to our meeting with you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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July 3, 1946

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

You were simply magnificent and extraordinarilly wonderful in keeping our meeting for FEPC at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel, Monday, July 1st, moving toward the goal of five hundred thousand dollars, we hope to raise. I don't know what we would have done without you.

I am quite delighted with the outcome of the meeting. The fact that we are committed to building a committee of thirty or more, and that the persons present will help in this effort, is a fundamental and constructive step forward.

I am glad that you gave General Sarnoff the assignment of securing a chairman. All of the persons present showed very genuine interest in our movement for a permanent FEPC.

We will keep pushing ahead, and I am confident that we will ere long achieve our goal.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC
NY Council

Anna M. Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

10 July 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

It was more than generous of you to write the things you did. I think the meeting went well, and think it too bad that both Mr. Luce and General Sarnoff will be out of town for some time. Mr. Lasker has been ill again, but I will try to arrange a meeting between you and him so that we can obtain some funds and get started .

Sincerely,

Anna M. Rosenberg
Anna M. Rosenberg

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Anna M. Rosenberg
444 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

July 16, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125 Street
New York 27, New York

My dear Mr. Randolph:

Thank you for your letter of July 3rd in reference to the Campaign Committee of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee.

As per your suggestion, I shall contact Mr. Nelson Rockefeller and Mrs. Oswald B. Lord. I think it would be better to have someone else approach the other people.

Sincerely,

Anna M. Rosenberg
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March 1, 1946.

Rabbi William J. Rosenblum
210 West 91st Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Rosenblum:

I want you to know how very much I appreciated your fine address last night. Your cooperation with us in the fight for permanent FEPC legislation is deeply appreciated.

The meeting last night was a magnificent demonstration of the desire of the people of New York for a permanent FEPC law.

It is good to know you are with us in this fight.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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March 6, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
N.Y. Council for a Permanent FEPC
242 East 14th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I was glad to learn that the very brief address I delivered at the Garden FEPC Rally was considered helpful to the cause.

However, I would like to record now, so that such distasteful things may not occur in the future, that a herculean mental effort on my part to keep myself enthusiastic for the cause of fair employment despite the boorish and uncouth way in which a certain Mr. Milgrim, whom I did not know was to have so much authority, conducted himself towards the writer.

I am not a prima donna. I do not insist on speaking long but I was, in a veritable sense, the representative of the Jewish clergy of the City, as well as of the A.D.L., which has contributed so mightily to this effort. This Milgrim, representing I do not know whom, took it upon himself to say that I had to cut my five-minute talk down to two minutes "or else. . . ." Notwithstanding my reluctance to yield to personal pressure when I knew I had something important to say,I acquiesced for the sake of FEPC. What happened?

Nearly every other speaker went on despite the request to cut down. The little papers that Milgrim placed before them seemed to have no effect. Had I spoken the additional three minutes, I might have aroused some of our people to even greater enthusiasm and there would not be this aftermath, not only on my part but also on the part of many of our leaders who were with me on the platform that night, that this Milgrim would never have dared to be as vulgar and discourteous to a priest or a minister or a representative of other groups.

I regret very much to have to write in this vein, but after the fine and courteous efforts of our Mr. Marvin Yager and your Miss Mary Hillyer, the deportment of such a man is indeed outlandish.

Please be assured, however, that I am in the fight for the FEPC and may be counted upon for such future service as the cause may demand.

With warm personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

WFR:tes

NY Council FEPC

217 W. 125 St.
New York, N. Y.

March 21, 1946

Rabbi William F. Rosenblum
Temple Israel of the City of New York
210 West 91st Street
New York 24, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Rosenblum:

I appreciate the spirit of your letter of March 6th. I want you to understand the problem that Mr. Milgram faced in carrying out the assignment given him to keep the meeting from getting hopelessly behind schedule. The meeting began almost twenty-five minutes behind schedule due to the refusal of the band leader to start on time because the audience was still coming in. As a result, it was up to Mr. Milgram to make adjustments in the program. I know that he succeeded in getting Dr. Hunton of the Catholic Interracial Council, Judge Solomon and others including yourself to cut down on their time. That he appeared rude was only due to the terrific pressure under which he was laboring.

You see, Mr. Milgram knew that at the last meeting on FEPC at the Garden in 1942, some speakers exceeded their time so that Mr. Webster of the FEPC and your writer were unable to deliver their addresses.

I want to assure you that Morris Milgram, whom I have known for a long time, is one of the most responsible and thoughtful workers in the fight for FEPC, and I am sure he intended no discourtesy to you.

The comments I have been getting on your speech are uniformly excellent.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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A. Philip Randolph

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Rabbi William F. Rosenblum
Temple Israel of the City of N.Y.
210 W. 91 St.
New York 24, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Rosenblum:

I appreciate the spirit of your letter of March 6th. I want you to understand the problem that Mr. Milgram faced in carrying out the assignment given him to keep the meeting from getting hopelessly behind schedule. The meeting began almost 25 minutes behind schedule due to the refusal of the band leader to start on time because the audience was still coming in. As a result, it was up to Mr. Milgram to make adjustements in the program. I know that he succeeded in getting Dr. Hunton of the Catholic Interracial Council, Judge Solomon and others including yourself to cut down on their time. That he appeared rude was only due to the terrific pressure under which he was laboring.

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With warmest regards, I am

July 10, 1946

Mr. Louis Rubin
Executive Director
Popular Priced
Manufactumers Association
1440 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rubin:

Approximately ten days ago the impartial chairman of the dress industry, Mr. Harry Uviller, was kind enough to arrange a conference at his office. Those who participated in this conference were Mr. I. Agree, National Dress Manufacturers Association; Mr. Morris Kolchin, Affiliated Dress Manufacturers Association; Mr. Nat Boriskin, United Popular Dress Manufacturers Association; and on behalf of the National Council Mr. George K. Hunton of the Catholic Interracial Council; Mr. Max Delson, Chairman of our Administrative Committee and myself.

The purpose of this conference was to discuss ways and means of continuing the crucial struggle to eliminate job discrimination because of race, creed or color in interstate commerce through the instrumentality of federal legislation.

I need not tell you that there can be no real democracy until the rights of all minority groups are safeguarded.

Under the far-sighted chairmanship of Mr. Harry Uviller, our conference has set a standard for sincere and substantial action which we hope other groups will emulate.

I know that had you been present in New York on the day Mr. Uviller called the conference, you would have attended. It was most heartening to receive the expressions of cooperation from those who were present. We are in dire need of substantial funds to carry on this great work. Whatever aid your organization and its members will give us both morally and financially will prove most helpful.

If in any way our organization or its personnel can be of any service in assisting you in raising funds or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office - 217 West 125th Street, Monument 2-5080 - or in my absence Mr. Max Delson who is the Chairman of our Administrative Committee - 270 Broadway, Barclay 7-0988.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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January 21, 1946

Mr. Irving Salert
Jewish Labor Committee
175 East Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Irving:

The fight for a permanent FEPC is at a crisis. The introduction of the Bill for a permanent FEPC by Senator Chavez precipitated a filibuster on the part of Southern senators which threatens to jeopardize public opinion in favor of the Bill, and the passage of any legislation vital to orderly reconversion. Yet we know that if the Bill was submitted for a vote today, it would pass.

The National Council for a Permanent FEPC needs funds desperately RIGHT NOW to enlighten public opinion on the issues involved, and to see to it that the fight for permanent FEPC legislation, which it has carried on so magnificently, ends victoriously for all of us. I am appealing to you in the name of the National Council to see to it that it has the money it needs to finish the job it has done so well.

Our good friend, the Communists, are on the job too to help to confuse the issue. As is to be expected, they are doing everything in their power to capitalize on the current situation, organizing picket lines contrary to the best interests of our strategy, running meetings, sending out press releases, and screaming to the high heavens that FEPC is all their doings. The Communists have always felt that the fight for minority rights is their exclusive field, and nothing has angered them more than the fact that the National Council has been the recognized leader in the fight for a permanent FEPC. This is another reason we must have funds immediately. We absolutely cannot afford to let the Communists steal this fight away from us.

January 21, 1946

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Please let me hear from you as soon as you can. Every moment these days is of the utmost importance.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman
National Council for a Permanent FEPC

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December 14, 1945

Mr. Jack [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
New York [illegible], New York

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of December 6th concerning [illegible] by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I will bring this bill to the attention of Mr. [illegible] and he will see to it that it is paid by the Council.

May I say that it would have been paid before this, but we haven't had any money and are practically broke [illegible].

Very sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 16, 1946

Gen. David Sarnoff
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

Dear General Sarnoff

Pursuant to our conversation concerning enactment of legislation for a permanent FEPC, I am enclosing, as you requested, a copy of S. 101.

When I return to the city around May 23rd I shall give you a ring.

Cordially yours

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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June 20, 1946

General David Sarnoff
30 Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear General Sarnoff:

Since we talked with you concerning plans to develop a committee to carry on a financial campaign to raise five hundred thousand dollars in the interest of securing legislation for a permanent FEPC, we have made quite some progress.

The following persons have agreed to attend a meeting for the purpose of discussing ways and means successfully to carry out the financial campaign: Mr. Martin Quigley of Motion Picture Daily, RKO Building; General William Donovan, 2 Wall Street; Mrs. Ann Rosenberg formerly of the Social Security Board, 44 Madison Avenue and Mr. Henry Epstein of 20 Broad Street. Mrs. Rosenberg has spoken to Mr. Nelson Rockefeller and she expects that he may join the committee also.

It is our hope that we may be able to hold a meeting either Wednesday, June 26, Thursday the 27th or Friday the 28th. Upon my return from Chicago I will call you in reference to time and place for the meeting.

May I again say how greatly appreciative we are for your interest and cooperation in the efforts for a permanent FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

APR:be

A. Philip Randolph
International President

217 West 125 St.
New York, N. Y.

June 28, 1946

General David Sarnoff
President - RCA
30 Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear General Sarnoff:

Permit me to remind you of the luncheon of the small committee to discuss plans to raise funds for a permanent federal Fair Employment Practice Commission law. I want to express our great appreciation for your consent to attend the luncheon and to cooperate with our efforts to secure legislation to help eliminate intolerance, bigotry and discrimination because of color, creed or country.

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We are looking forward with pleasure to our meeting with you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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WOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY

127 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE
TELEPHONE: BRIDGEPORT 5179
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA

February 11, 1946

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I wish to assure you, that notwithstanding our temporary defeat in the Senate, we here in Minneapolis will continue to do our best to ultimately attain the passage of Federal Employment Practice legislation.

We look to you as the spear head of continued effort. Personally I am sufficiently mature to know that such battles are not readily won; that every social gain is made solely through years of effort and evidently it wasn't our time at the moment to get favorable action on this legislation.

I am mindful of the fact that you have exerted yourself to no end on passage of this legislation. I am hopeful that in the future you will make a serious effort to keep your health so that you may have the pleasure in the future of enjoying the accomplishments of the passage of this legislation.

We are going forward in the Twin Cities with our FEPC programs and I am hopeful that the committees in charge have done the necessary work to insure the good attendance. I cannot take very much credit myself for any effort on this score since I have been out of Minneapolis continuously for the past six weeks and I had to rely upon others to pursue the need of work.

I have just learned that Mrs. Hedgeman will be here with Mr.Mitchell and I am confident that they will be able to present the subject matter in a fashion that will lend further support from the many which we are presently approaching.

Very truly yours,

WOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY

127 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE
TELEPHONE: BRIDGEPORT 5179
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February 14, 1946

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I received your telegram of February 12th in which you requested that I have Mrs. Hedgeman meet with my group of friends in order to obtain the present financial support for FEPC. This is not presently possible for the following reason: I left Minneapolis on January 6th, and was gone out of town on business returning here on February 11. I left arrangements for the dinner meeting for you personally with the local committee who when they heard that you would be unavailable canceled the scheduled dinner. I am, therefore, unable to reinstate a meeting.

Since I did not contribute any work to the success of the ~~last~~ mass. meeting in the twin cities, because of my absence from Minneapolis, I intend to undertake the raising of a fund of money for FEPC upon my return to Minneapolis after the scheduled conference in Washington on February 22. I assure you that I shall leave no stone unturned to raise the $5,000.00 quota set for Minnesota for 1946. I know that the moneys are available if the effort is expended to raise it. Best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Jonas G. Schwartz

By: Jonas G. Schwartz

JGS:AM

WOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY

127 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE
TELEPHONE: BRIDGEPORT 5179
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA

February 28, 1946

A. Phillip Randolph
Care of National Council for
Permanent FEPC
930 F Street
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Randolph:

I have just returned to Minneapolis from the recent FEPC Conference. I am thankful that my circumstances permit me to make these various trips in support of one of the most ~~notorious~~ meritorious pieces of legislation before the Congress today.

I am certain that you would like to hear my reaction to the problems presented at the Conference. It appears to me that the recommendation by, Rev. Moore, of St. Paul, for a present "March On Washington", which met with such uniform acceptance, was no doubt, the most important occurrence at the Conference. But the "March" will be wholly ineffective if the marchers consist of only Negroes and Jews. It, therefore, becomes incumbent upon you as the leader of our movement to get the support by, and participation in, the proposed "March on Washington" of the national leaders of Labor, of the Protestant Church , of the Catholic Church, as well as of the Jewish groups and the Negro organizations. I know that this is a big order and by the token, I know that you are well able to fill this bill. With the active support of these various leaders and their organizations we will be able to culminate the "March on Washington" with present legislation.

The next item on the agenda is that the leaders of these organizations mentioned above must become aware of the dire need for funds that our National Council has. We have scraped together from those least able to give our meager few dollars, and now should behoove these leaders together with their organizations and their mass membership, to assist with "paper money".

We don't have to mince words with these guys. This social legislation benefits the white Catholics, Jews, as much as it inures to the benefit of the Black Protestants. It will give dignity and support to the expressed purpose of the Labor Unions whatever their practices may be.

You are the only one who has the position, the poise, and the dignity to present this matter to these organizations. I know that they will not evade the issue if it presented to them in a two-fisted, blunt, and somewhat undiplomatic manner.

We can't afford to make a play on words with these men. Nor can we continue indefinitely to burn the energy out of our staff. We must be given special consideration and assistance.

I know that they are going to be additional conferences in the future, and I advise that more preparation be given to the financial agenda, to the messages to be taken home by the delegates and, therefore, more prepared information for them than we have had in the past. The members must not just be appointed during the short few days of a conference and expect them to withdraw for an hour and come back with a mature program. It is one to allow democratic discussion and another thing to have a convention cloaked with anarchy as far as actual accomplishments are concerned.

I know that this last conference was for the purpose of hearing from the field and getting some information about the actual temper of the various communities with respect to FEPC. Had you written or wired to your various Councils you could have readily secured a cross section temper of the supporters of this legislation without the conference in Washington, and the money spent by the various delegates could have releived Mrs. Hedgeman and yourself of one month's worry. So I caution you to consider maturely before additional conferences are called.

Rest assured that you have my personal best wishes for your own health, and I hold myself in readiness to make any speeches at any place in the country in accordance with my discussion with Mrs. Hedgeman, and that Minnesota will do all in its power to get the six remaining signatures of our Congressmen on Discharge Petition 4, and to raise the balance of its quota in 1946.

Very truly yours,

Jonas G Schwartz

Jonas G. Schwartz

JGS:AM

March 5, 1946

Mr. James G. Schwartz
Wood Products Company
127 North Washington Avenue
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

My dear Friend Schwartz:

Just a word to say that it was a great pleasure to see you at the Washington Emergency Strategy Conference for FEPC. You did a good job at the Conference for this great cause.

Kindly remember me to the madam and the youngster.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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- 217 W 125th St.

March 12, 1946

Mr. Jonas O. Schwartz
Wood Products Company
127 North Washington Avenue
Minneapolis, 1, Minnesota

Dear Brother Schwartz:

Thanks a lot for your letter of February 26th with your illuminating comments on the Emergency Strategy Conference in Washington and the proposed March On Washington in the interest of FEPC. I agree with you that the March should be composed of a cross-section of our national community including Negroes, Jews, Catholics, Protestants, AFL and CIO groups in order for it to be representative and quite effective. You may be sure we will work to this end.

Your suggestion about calling upon these national organisation for funds is sound because this fight is for the benefit of everybody and that is what I shall do.

I want to assure you that I certainly appreciate the deep interest and fine spirit of cooperation you have manifested in this movement by going to great expense to make trips to these conferences. Your comment on the conferences is well taken. In the future we will call for few conferences so that we will be able to conserve funds, especially if we find that the job may be done through telegrams or correspondence with the various Councils.

Kindly remember me to the Madam and youngster and the members and friends of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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NY Council FEPC

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March 1, 1946.

Hon. Lewis J. Schwellenbach
Secretary of Labor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwellenbach:

May I thank you on behalf of the National Council and the New York Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission for the magnificent speech you made at our Rally last night. I need not tell you how much it meant to our national movement to have you present at the meeting, and to bring in person the pledge of the President to carry on the fight. I know that you have conveyed to Mr. Truman the enthusiasm and determination of the meeting. It is our hope that it will also be conveyed to the House and Senate where the real fight must take place.

Please let me know if we can take care of any of your expenses involved in your journey to New York.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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NC-FEPC
Cleveland
Council

January 8, 1946

Mr. Clarence L. Sharpe
[illegible] East 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

I hope we will be able to make our meeting a huge success. I would suggest that you carry a ½ page ad for two weeks just preceding the meeting in THE CLEVELAND CALL POST.

I also suggest that you have about 100,000 circulars spread throughout the community. I am sure this will help give the people information about the meeting. I would also have a committee wait on all of the churches, big and little, to have them announce the meeting and stress its importance from a broad and better viewpoint to the Negro.

We must make the meeting a huge success, because Ohio is a strategic state, and if it isn't a success, it will hurt the fight for FEPC.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 10, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Room 301
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I wish to assure you that despite the lethargy and outright antagonism of the three daily newspapers in Cleveland toward the FEPC we are attempting by word of mouth, by letters, postal cards, mobile public address service, notices to churches and the organizations, both white and Negro to build a good meeting for us on the 29th of January.

A letter has gone forward from our Council to Representative Charles LaFollette who was kind enough to write me upon your suggestion.

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Yours very truly,

C L Sharpe

C. L. Sharpe
Chairman

CLS/mw

N.Y. - FEPC
Cleveland Div.

CLEVELAND COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMISSION

January 10, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Rm. 301
New York 27, N. Y.

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Yours very truly

C. L. Sharpe, Chairman

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NC-FEPC
Cleveland, Ohio

January 17, 1946

Mr. C. L. Sharpe, Chairman
Cleveland Council for a Permanent FEPC
2207 East 55th Street, Room 3
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Sharpe:

Just a word to hope that the outlook for the meeting, January 29th is becoming more promising.

I have been down with the flu, but am up again. I am looking forward to enjoying the meeting on the 29th.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Please
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Mr Randolph -
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CLEVELAND COUNCIL
FOR A PERMANENT FEPC

2587 East 55th Street - Room 8
ENdicott 5600

Clarence L. Sharpe, Chairman

February 26, 1946

Dear Co-worker:

A special conference was held in Washington, D. C. on February 22nd and 23rd, with delegations from local F.E.P.C. councils throughout the United States participating, including our local council. Miss Clementine Hedges, Mr. William Pierson and Mrs. Anne Kunitani were our representatives.

We are hereby calling a meeting of the officers and Steering Committee of the Cleveland Council, and other interested persons, to be held on Monday, March 4, 1946, 12:00 noon, private dining room of the Phillis Wheatley Association, 4450 Cedar Avenue.

At this meeting, written reports of the delegates will be given and our further plan of action will be decided upon to secure permanent F.E.P.C. legislation on both the Federal and State levels.

Please make every effort to be present at this very important meeting as we need the benefit of your suggestions and counsel.

Very sincerely,

Clarence L. Sharpe
CLARENCE L. SHARPE
Chairman

CLS/jmc

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BORISH SHISHKIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
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APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

A PHILIP RANDOLPH

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PHILIP RANDOLPH, BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

WILL BE VERY GLAD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE NEXT FRIDAY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE TIME=BORIS SHISHKIN=

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C O P Y

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Washington 1, D. C.
August 12, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers,
Co-Chairmen
National Council for a Permanent Fair
Employment Practice Committee
930 F Street, N. W.,
Washington 4, D. C.

Gentlemen:

A press release, dated August 6, announcing plans for "expanding and revitalizing the program of the National Council" has just reached me. The statement refers to drastic steps taken by the Executive Committee in reorganizing the Council.

I sincerely regret that it was not possible for me to be present at the Executive Committee meeting on Friday, August 2, at which I presume the new course of action was decided upon. This, however, was due to the inadequate notice given the members of the Executive Committee, especially those for whom the attendance of the meeting involved a trip to New York.

I feel strongly that such drastic action as seems to have been taken called for proper advanse submission of the proposals to the members of the Committee. No such submission was made prior to the meeting. Except for the press release, there was no advice to the members of the Committee as to the nature of the action taken.

This makes it clear that the service of the members of the Executive Committee is regarded by the Co-Chairmen as perfunctory. I believe that my continued membership on the Executive Committee is, therefore, no longer warranted.

I find particularly shocking the casual mention in the press release of the resignation of Mrs. Hedgeman, as the Council's Executive Secretary. Her task was extremely arduous. Despite all difficulties, it was brilliantly performed. Anna Arnold Hedgeman has earned far more lasting recognition from all those concerned with furthering the equality of opportunity in America than you saw fit to give her.

When I accepted the service on the Executive Committee, I was prompted by a real desire to be useful to the Council, both personally and, by designation of President Green, as a representative of the American Federation of Labor. I shall be glad to be of service on behalf of permanent fair employment practice legislation

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers

August 12, 1946

in any organization whose program is consistent with the objectives of organized labor and whose procedures are truly democratic. I regret that under the circumstances I must resign from your Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Boris Shishkin

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Economist
American Federation of Labor

Saratoga
6820
Baltimore

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Gen

MEMO

To CO-CHAIRMEN, POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES
OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC

From PAUL SIFTON

12/23/46

It appears impossible to arrange a conference for the Policy Committee with the Republican and Democratic Steering Committees for Friday, December 27th, (or for any other date prior to January 3rd, when the New Congress meets).

However, other effective steps are possible: -

1. Final clearance by the Legal Committee of the new National Committee's FEPC and ratification by the appropriate committee of the Council -- so that, -

   a. In discussions with members of the Congress, a definite bill can be cited.

(Dr. Chalmers stated that he will explore the possibility of getting such clearance in the next day or so).

2. a. A statement accompanying the Bill presented by the Legal Committee stating the principles and methods incorporated in the new draft, together with the justification therefor.

   b. A set of most frequently asked questions and carefully stated answers thereto.

(a. and b. will be useful in general publication and in the introduction of the Bill. However, clearance and ratification of the Bill need not wait upon the preparation of the statement and questions and answers. These two items should be in, and prior to introduction in the Congress).

3. Because Senator Milliken has been assigned to prepare a Report and Recommendations for FEPC legislation for the December 30th meeting of the Republican Steering Committee, and because his attitude, as made plain in the February 9, 1946 debate, strongly suggests that his Report would be far from the National Council's proposals, it is important that this report be postponed until the National Council has had opportunity to prepare its recommendations to Republican Members. Implementing this idea, these steps are to be attempted: -

   a. I will talk to Mr. Robert Church, at Chicago, asking him to use his good offices to persuade the Republican National Committee, Senator Taft and others to defer consideration of the Milliken Report.

   b. Senator Morse, who is back in Washington is to be asked by the National Council Representatives (including, if possible Messrs. Hunton, Shishkin and Weaver to ask for deferment of the Report, or if consideration and action thereon should be taken, to dissent -- assuming that the Report will be at variance with the ideas of Senator Morse and the National Council.)

The above schedule was discussed with Dr. Chalmers and approved by him on the phone this afternoon.

PS

Mad. Sq. meeting held

January 3, 1946

Miss Lillian Smith
Hotel Margaret
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Smith:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that my wife saw Strange Fruit and liked it immensely.

Now, I am writing you concerning the fight for Bills S 101 and HR 2232 for a permanent FEPC law. No doubt you have read the papers and note that the fight for the bills in Congress is moving toward the crucial hour, especially when the bill in the Senate encounters the filibuster from Bilbo.

Personally from my survey of the situation, I believe that we can get FEPC enacted by the 79th Congress if we can stir up the people to action by holding mass meetings and great demonstrations. To this end, we are holding a great FEPC meeting at Madison Square Garden, February 28th. May I request you to serve as one of the honorary chairmen and more important still to speak on that occasion. The people will appreciate this and I am sure you will enjoy the rally.

With cordial good wishes and the season's greetings, I am

Very sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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February 5, 1946

Copy sent to Mrs. Springer

NC-FEPC
NY Council

LILLIAN SMITH
OLD SCREAMER MOUNTAIN
CLAYTON, GEORGIA

31 January 1946

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Miss Smith is ill with flu and has no secretary with her. She has therefore sent some of her mail home for me to answer.

She plans to come home before the middle of February and after her long absence from the South she will not be able to accept your invitation to speak in New York on February 28. She appreciates your wanting her.

I do not know what would be expected of her as an 'honorary chairman.' If this entails only the use of her name as a sponsor of the meeting, or is otherwise something she can do at long distance and while working under heavy schedule, may I suggest that you drop her a line here. I know she wants to do what she can to help the FEPC.

Most sincerely,

Paula Snelling

Paula Snelling
for Lillian Smith

PS/mkh

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
215 West 125th St.
New York, N.Y.

March 1, 1946.

Judge Charles Solomon
Jewish Labor Committee
175 East Broadway
New York 2, N. Y.

Dear Judge Solomon:

I want you to know how very much I appreciated your fine address last night. Your cooperation with us in the fight for a permanent FEPC law is deeply appreciated.

The meeting last night was a magnificent demonstration of the desire of the people of New York for permanent FEPC legislation.

It is good to know you are with us in this fight.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph.

APR:b

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I'm enclosing the form letter sent to about 34 people for the Wednesday meeting under your name.

Maida Springer

NY Council
FEPC

The right to work is the right to live

New York Council for a
PERMANENT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMISSION

242 EAST 14th STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. • PHONE GRamercy 7-9146

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March 8, 1946

The successful meeting at Madison Square Garden on February 28th reemphasizes the need for a continued program until the bills for a permanent FEPC are enacted into federal law.

Because your organization was in a large measure responsible for the success of this meeting, we would like to discuss future activities of the N.Y. Council for a Permanent FEPC with you.

A dinner meeting will be held in Parlor G of the Murray Hill Hotel, 40th Street and Park Avenue, at 6 o'clock, Wednesday, March 13. We are especially anxious to have you attend.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, March 13, at this vital meeting, I am,

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph
Co-chairman

P.S. If it is not possible for you to attend, would you kindly delegate a representative, and inform us by phone who the person will be.

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March 12, 1946

Mrs. Maida Springer, Executive Secretary
New York Council for a Permanent FEPC
[illegible] East 14th Street
New York City

Dear Mrs. Springer:

Just a word to extend my congratulations and appreciation for the great job you did in building the fine Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally. Your fine personality and working ability gave strength and force to the efforts in behalf of this Rally.

I learned that you are somewhat ill, but hope that you will soon recover.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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N.Y. Council FEPC

March 29, 1946

Mrs. Maida Springer, Executive Secretary
New York Council for a Permanent FEPC
242 West 14th Street
New York City

Dear Maida:

Will you kindly send, if possible, Mr. Charles Lawrence, a copy of the letter which was released on FEPC from the President to me.

Find enclosed copy of letter from Mr. Lawrence, which is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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1274 5th. Ave.
New York 29 N.Y.
October 11, 1946.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

At a previous meeting of the Council I indicated my willingness to resign from the executive committee. I am now sending you this resignation. I am sure that the committee will be better able to have the support of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses if it's present Executive Secretary is invited to serve.

Thanks for the opportunity which has been accorded me in working with the Committee. I can truthfully say that it is an experience which I will long remember.

Very truly yours,

Mabel K Staupers

NC – FEPC
Com

November 6, 1946

Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers
1274 5th Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Staupers:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of October 11th expressing your desire to resign from the Executive Committee of the National Council for A Permanent FEPC. I will present your letter to the Committee. May I express my appreciation for the splendid service you have rendered the Committee in the cause of a Fair Employment Practice law.

Sincerely yours,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

NY Council for Permanent FEPC

March 21, 1946

Mr. R. J. Thomas, President
United Automobile Workers-CIO
411 W. Milwaukee Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Thomas:

Greetings to the officers and members of the UAW-CIO Convention! We hail the great victory of your organization in its struggle to increase pay and improve working conditions for your membership.

One of the members of the Executive Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, Brother Max Delson, a great champion of labor of New York City, will visit your Convention and I want to request that you grant him an opportunity to make a brief statement to your Convention in behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC which is leading the fight for the enactment of Bills S 101 and HR 2232 in the present Congress.

I want to express our great appreciation for the support and cooperation of your Organization in the past and I am confident that you will give us support and cooperation in the future.

The Council is fighting to mobilize forces to break the fascist filibuster when our bills for FEPC come up again in this Congress. We are struggling to get forty or more signatures for the Discharge Petition in the House, and we call upon you to permit an appeal from Brother Delson to your great body for moral and financial support.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International Union

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NC FEPC
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1010 Western Avenue
Davenport, Ia.
August 20, 1946

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I'm writing to you in regards to my status with the National Council. I received the latest release from Washington whereas you and Dr. Chalmers pledge to continue the fight for FEPC. I haven't received any notice of dismissal and since I haven't received any salary for almost two months I will have to find some kind of a job and quick.

I'm sure you know how I feel about FEPC and really would like to continue with the Council. I'm sorry to bother you on this personal matter but would like to know something definite.

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Toney

COPY

1010 Western Ave
Davenport, Ia.
Aug 20. 1946

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Sincerely yours
Charles W. Toney

NC – F.E.P.C.
Gen

August 26, 1946

Mr. Charles W. Tomsy
1010 Western Avenue
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Tomsy:

I was glad to receive your letter of August 20th informing me of your status with the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I am sorry that you were informed of the fact that the staff was dismissed as of July 30, 1946.

We are now in the process of raising money to pay the back wages of the staff. You will receive a check in part payment of the amount owed you in the next week or so.

We plan to reorganize and carry on a vigorous campaign for FEPC from now on, but we have got to raise some funds first. I, therefore, cannot make any promises to you as to the future, but we will keep your name on file for future reference in the event we may find it possible to avail ourselves of your splendid services. You were one of the most effective workers we had.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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I have given the origin to Mr. Colton

Frank N. Trager
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

February 18, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

This is to acknowledge your letter of the 15th and its enclosures "Call to American Progressives."

I should very much want to be a part of such a movement, but it will be impossible for me to get to Chicago. You can count on my support, however, for it.

Might I remind you of our telephone conversation on a real campaign for the FEPC. Yours is the next step on that if I remember correctly.

With kind personal regards.

Cordially,

(signed)

Frank N. Trager

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NY Council - FEPC

March 7, 1946

Mr. Frank N. Trager
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Trager:

I hope to have you participate in conferences to raise funds sometime in the near future. I will let you know so that we may get the benefits of your judgment in this hard and difficult fight.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS, INC.
FOUNDED IN 1928
For Justice, Amity, Understanding and Co-operation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews
381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

March 12, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

This is to acknowledge your letter of the 7th. I shall be attending a meeting with your group Wednesday night at the Murray Hill Hotel. Hope we will have met there.

Cordially,

Frank N. Trager
Frank N. Trager
Assistant to the President

National Co-Chairmen Arthur H. Compton - Carlton J. H. Hayes - Roger Williams Straus - *President* Everett R. Clinchy - *Treasurer* Herbert J. Osborne

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March 15, 1946

Mr. Frank N. Trager
Assistant to the President
The National Conference of
Christian & Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, 16, N. Y.

Dear Brother Trager:

Just a word to say that I was indeed glad to see you at the meeting for the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC. We were all greatly uplifted by your discussion and plan for the New York Council. I will not be able to attend the meeting Saturday but Mr. Theodore E. Brown will represent me.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 3, 1946

Dear Phil:

You wanted a copy of this. I have already written to Felix Cohen about it.

Kind personal regards.

Cordially,

Frank
Frank N. Trager

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

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May 15, 1946

SPECIAL DELIVERY
PERSONAL

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Mr. Max Delson

Dear Phil and Max:

I certainly would like to be with you this morning when you see Mr. Sarnoff. I shall, of course, be there in spirit and hope for your success. I think that actually no more than two people should visit so important a man, and for reasons beyond my control I certainly could not be with you. Even so I think Max as New York Chairman should be along with Phil as National Chairman. So much for that.

Here are the things that we want to get across as I see them:

1) This will be a campaign in no way contaminated by issues other than the one: pass the FEPC. The implications of this point means that a businessman does not get tied up with all kinds of legislation which you and I might support but which might get into his hair. So, emphasize this aspect of the campaign.

2) The campaign will be in no way contaminated by the Communist Party or any of its satellites as far as this agency is concerned for their's is really the kiss of death. Again, a prominent man of some caution will want that kind of assurance.

3) This will be a campaign not ~~only~~ on a white-black issue, but on the issue of the service FEPC can render to all the nation. It is a crying shame that thus far so large a measure of its support had to come from only one group, the Negro in our community. It is high time therefore that prominent businessmen who believe in moral principles and who also believe that discrimination is bad for business and ~~has~~ whose self-interest is involved to the extent that fair pay and fair employment practices increase the buying power of the total population-- I say it is high time that these businessmen be enlisted.

4) This will be a campaign for a half million dollars, two hundred fifty thousand of which shall be raised in the metropolitan New York area.

5) Since this is a non-tax exempt cause, the appeal will have to be made on the following bases:

a) special gifts through interested and influential and well-off individuals.

National Co-Chairmen ARTHUR H. COMPTON - CARLTON J. H. HAYES - ROGER WILLIAMS STRAUS - *President* EVERETT R. CLINCHY - *Treasurer* HERBERT J. OSBORNE

b) business gifts particularly from those agencies who serve all the people and whose trade is dependent on the good will created by its liberal attitude.

c) organization gifts from the treasuries of many organizations which we will cultivate other than the trade unions.

d) trade unions gifts out of their treasuries plus a determined campaign among trade unionists, church members and all kinds of organizations to reach the individual donors. This campaign will be based upon some such slogan as "one hour's pay."

We shall want Mr. Sarnoff to appoint a committee who will be active with him in seeing that some of these things get done. This committee should include three additional prominent business men, one of whom should be a Negro businessman; two prominent labor leaders in addition to Phil, one of these should be Dubinsky - maybe we could get Dubinsky and Hillman to serve; four prominent clergymen, one Catholic, one Protestant, one Jew, and a clergyman who is also a Negro; two prominent women leaders. The business men should be placed in charge of the special gifts and business organization contributions; the labor leaders and churchmen should be respectively placed in charge of the campaign for one hour's pay; the women should be placed in charge of getting treasuries to give from all kinds of organizations. Variations on this pattern, of course, are permissible, but in essence this is the base of the pyramid or the top of the pyramid from whatever way you look at it.

I hope this helps you. With best wishes.

Cordially,

Frank N. Trager

N.Y. Council
for C — FEPC

May 16, 1946

Mr. Frank N. Trager
National Conference of
Christians and Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Frank;

Thanks a lot for your letter of May 15th with suggestions for conference with General Sarnoff and other business leaders. I think they are capital and constructive. Max and George Hunton and myself had a very fruitful conference with the General. While he said he could not serve as the chairman he agreed to help, and became quite interested in it. Max and George Hunton did a good job in giving him a complete picture of the situation. I have to go to Chicago and then to Dallas, Texas on an emergency problem of the porters but I will be back around the 22nd or the 23rd and will stay on the job until we get our financial job underway.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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N.Y. Council

May 23, 1946

Mr. Frank N. Trager
National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Frank:

Thanks a lot for copy of the "Ten Point Plan to Beat a Filibuster."

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC Com

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February 13, 1946

Honorable Harry S. Truman
President United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Truman:

The groups we represent are aware of mounting racial and religious tensions because of widespread employment discrimination. We believe in the democratic process for the achievement of adequate and constitutional means for meeting these serious problems. It is for this reason that we have been among the national leaders pressing for immediate enactment of permanent fair employment practice legislation. That possibility seems to have been blocked by the Senate's acquiescence to minority rule.

The withdrawal of protection extended to minorities during the war, the disillusionment resulting from the action of the Senate last week and the day by day experiences of discrimination have aggravated an already serious situation. This creates for all of us problems which we ought jointly to meet.

We will be in Washington Friday, February 22, and respectfully request an appointment with you. Some of the persons invited to be members of the Committee to meet you in conference concerning the aforementioned question include: William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor; Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the National Council for Negro Women; Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Rabbi Stephen Wise and a few other representatives of national organizations.

Respectfully yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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NY Council
FEPC

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1946.

Hon. A. Philip Randolph,
217 - West 125th Street,
New York 27, New York.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

Before leaving town Mr. Cohen asked me to let you know that he had mentioned the matter of the February 28 Madison Square Garden rally to Mr. Ickes and that he seemed quite sympathetic but would not commit himself at this time.

It is Mr. Cohen's suggestion that you write a formal letter to Mr. Ickes extending the invitation to him directly. It might be well to mention the names of the other speakers on the program.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Marie J. Turinsky

Marie J. Turinsky,
Secretary to Mr. Cohen.

MJT

July 10, 1946

Mr. Harry Uviliar
1440 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Uviliar:

Just a word to express my sincere appreciation for the conference you were kind enough to give us, Friday, June 28th, in the interest of FEPC. I think it was most successful, and I want to say that you were wholly responsible for it.

Under separate cover, I am mailing to you copies of letters I have sent to the heads of the five dress manufacturing associations.

On my return to the city, I shall take the liberty of getting in touch with you for the purpose of arranging a conference in order that we may implement the fine work which has been begun so auspiciously.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC FEPC
Wichita Council

217 W. 125th St.
NYC

January 8, 1946

Miss Cora B. Vaughn, Secretary
Wichita Council for a Permanent
Fair Employment Practice Committee
818 North Water Street
Wichita 5, Kansas

Dear Cora:

Just a word of remembrance and the hope that the campaign to secure the two thousand dollars for the fight for FEPC by January 15th is moving promisingly forward. May I say that the outlook for [illegible] for our fight is good if we can raise adequate funds [illegible] the fight.

May I wish for you and all the friends a happy, successful and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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WICHITA COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT
FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

818 NORTH WATER STREET TELEPHONE 3-0806 WICHITA 5, KANSAS

January 11, 1945

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 W. 125th St.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

A telegram has just been received from Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman instructing us to hold our delegation in readiness to go to Washington if necessary. She advised that we follow the instructions on a phamphlet which we have not received. This is all very confusing to us and we would like to have more information concerning the recent plans. To date our group has raised $647. Interest seems to be growing in the fight for FEPC.

Will you answer immediately? With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Cora R. Vaughn
Cora R. Vaughn

NC-FEPC
Wichita Council

January 18, 1946

Miss Cora R. Vaughn
Wichita Council for a
Permanent FEPC
218 North Water Street
Wichita 2, Kansas

Dear Miss Vaughn:

We may be required to call on Local Councils in various communities to send delegations to Washington when the filibuster begins in the Senate against our Bill. We hope that some of the Councils may be able to select persons who can attend at their own expense but of course if this is impossible then the Council can send someone at its expense. The great crisis in the fight for passage of our Bill will come when the filibuster is begun by Southern senators against our Bill. We are planning to meet this issue by getting delegations to Washington to exercise pressure on their respective Senators to fight and vote for our Bill.

Congratulations upon the splendid work you are doing for the FEPC. Kindly remember me to all the Friends.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Wichita Council

February 27, 1946

Miss Cora R. Vaughn
Secretary-Treasurer
Wichita Council for a
Permanent FEPC
818 North Water Street
Wichita 6, Kansas

Dear Cora:

Permit me to thank you for the financial report and to congratulate you and the Wichita Council upon the magnificent work you have done and are doing. I assure you that your support and cooperation are a source of great inspiration and help.

Kindly remember me to all the members and friends. Tell them that we are going to fight on till victory comes.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Wichita Council F.E.P.C.

Financial Report

March 1, 1945   February 15, 1946

Receipts

May, June 1945	Executive Council Members	$ 36.10
December 1945	Mass meeting	671.00
January 1946	Campaign	827.00
		$ 1534.10

Disbursements

Stationery, postage, etc.	$ 18.00
Mass meeting expense	195.80
Campaign expense	81.41
National Office, sent January 18, 1946	1000.00
	$ 1295.21

Balance February 15, 1946	$ 238.89

Cora R. Vaughn
Secretary-Treasurer
Wichita Council F.E.P.C.

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PHONES 3-0806 AND 2-8628
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MRS. P. M. BELL, CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

CORA ROBERTA VAUGHN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 18, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood, Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th. Street
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I am so sorry I could not see you again before leaving New York. I wanted to tell you how much I did appreciate being able to attend the Mass Meeting at Madison Square Garden. It was indeed a grand meeting.

Do you plan to be in the mid-west this spring? If so, our Booklovers Club would like to have you speak at a public meeting. I was asked to talk to you about this engagement, but did not get to it while there. We can very well arrange the date for your convenience. Kindly write at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,
Cora R. Vaughn
Cora R. Vaughn
Branch Director

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Wichita Council
FEPC

March 26, 1946

Miss Cora B. Vaughn, Branch Director
Young Women's Christian Association
818 N. Water Street
Wichita 5, Kansas

Dear Cora:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of March 18 informing me of the pleasure you had in attending the Madison Square Garden FEPC Rally. It was a great demonstration, and I am glad you liked it.

Relative to my coming to speak for the Booklovers Club this spring, may I say that I shall be in the South at that time and keenly regret that I will not be able to visit Wichita. I hope I may be able to serve you at some other time.

Kindly remember me to all my friends. We are driving hard in our fight for the enactment of FEPC in this Congress.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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March 1, 1946.

Mr. Orson Welles
Room 1304
1501 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Welles:

I want to thank you on behalf of the New York Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission for your contribution to our Madison Square Garden Rally. It means a great deal to us who have been in the fight for a long time to know that a person like yourself is on our side and ready to work with us, and we hope that we can count on your continued interest and cooperation until the fight is won.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

APR;b

N.C.-FEPC
Cleveland
Council

January 8, 1946

Mr. C. S. Wells, President
Cleveland Division BSCP
2188 East 71st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear C.S.:

I would like for you to get off and spend about ten days or two weeks working on the Cleveland meeting, advertising it everyday, by speaking at churches, social clubs, trade unions and also going into the taverns and clubs and speaking for two or three minutes telling them about the meeting.

I would suggest that you have 100,000 circulars made, stressing the importance of the meeting, and that a ½ of a page ad be carried in THE CLEVELAND CALL POST, two weeks preceding the holding of the meeting.

Now, the speakers will be myself and Congressman LaFollette. We must make the meeting in Cleveland a huge success, because Ohio is a strategic state. If it is not a success it will hurt the cause of FEPC.

Kindly let me know if you will be able to get off to do this job, and the Brotherhood will pay you for your time.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Mr A.Philip,Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217,W 125st New York. 27N.Y.

Dear Bro Randolph

This Missive is afollower of the Long distance to your office today, the facts are ,Mr Sharpe was informed by your secatary that you wanted to have Mrs Hedges placed incharge of the commitee on finances for the Clevelan d Council for F.E.P.C.

I must say that she is a disturbing element in our meetings ,and we deem it best to omit her as such ,in revamping our program.

I am also afraid that she and Jean cant work together, an the grounds that she is making some very unpleasant remarks about Jean,s honesty and intergrity. She(Climentine) is now in the Hospital for a manor operation ,so I doubt if she will be in a condition to work in our program for sometime, ,

We have a young man , a captain just out of the army ,who is married to a Jew girl and she too wants to work in our campaign ,and we think because of his army experience and his other connections he can render a finer service than would expect of Clemintine .

This man,s name is Mr Lawrence Dooley . We will avoid any and all controversitics by this process. That is my openion.

Mr Sharpe ask that I call your office on this matter, and he wants a telegram from you giving him the go sign.

I hope this explains the situation, Rest assured that we will try to keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours

C.S.Wells
2103 E.71 st
Cleveland 3 Ohio.

March 1, 1946.

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Freedom House
20 West 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Roy:

Thank you very much for speaking at our Madison Square Garden Rally last night. It was unfortunate that Mr. Schwellenbach read his speech so slowly that the time you were supposed to be on the radio was all taken up by him. The reading time of his speech actually should have been ten minutes only.

I am sure you will agree with me that the magnificent demonstration at the Garden last night gives us a fine impetus for carrying on our continuing fight for permanent FEPC legislation.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph.

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February 28, 1946

Miss Sidney Wilkinson
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sid:

Find enclosed check and copy of letter. Kindly write him a nice letter.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Phone: GRamercy 3-1842

February 15th, 1946.

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, President
Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125 Street
New York City.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Confirming our conversation of today relative to suggestions that may cause the F.E.P.C. Bill to be re-introduced. The following are my suggestions:

(a) Send exact copies of the N.Y. State F.E.P.C., the N.J. State F.E.P.C. and the present proposed Federal F.E.P.C. to all Federal and State Representatives, Mayors, Governors, Congressmens and Senators, incumbents and canidates. International Labor Unions, Federal and Non-Federal, Civic and fraternal organizations; requesting their approval or suggestion; including whatever ammendment or ammendments that are desirable for a F.E.P.C. Bill.

(b) Stress the one (1) point, that this is not a "Party" Bill"and must be treated as such.

(c) Request One Dollar ($1.00) from each of the above mentioned (par. a) as a token of their expression.

I believe that this procedure will give you a very good check or poll of whatever possibility there may be for the passage of a F.E.P.C. in addition to affording the necessary information for lobbying etc.,

With kind regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

E. E. Williams, Sec. Treas.,

March 6, 1946

Mr.H. E. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer
Blasters and Drillrunners Union
183 East 23rd Street
New York 10, New York

Dear Brother Williams:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 19th with its very fine and constructive suggestions to help in the fight for a permanent FEPC. I was sorry that you could not get down to the Emergency Strategy Conference in Washington, D. C., on February 22nd.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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March 2, 1946.

Mr. Matthew Woll, Vice President
American Federation of Labor
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Woll:

I want you to know how very much I appreciated your attendance at our Madison Square Garden Rally last night. I wished, of course, that Brother Green could have been present also, but you most ably expressed the cooperative spirit of the A.F.of L. for a permanent FEPC and that is what we wanted.

I know we can count on you and the A.F.of L. in the continuing fight for a permanent FEPC.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph

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Madison Square
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January 7, 1946

Mr. Richard Wright
82 Washington Square
New York, N. Y.

Dear Wright:

It was good seeing you and having a chat on our trip to Washington from New York.

No doubt you know that the fight for FEPC is approaching a crucial hour. Every effort is being made to mobilize public sentiment back of it. From my survey of the situation I believe we can get FEPC enacted into law in the 79th Congress, if we can stir up the people to action. To this end, I want to request you to speak at the Madison Square Garden Rally for FEPC, February 28th. We plan to make this one of the biggest demonstrations New York has ever seen. We need your name and voice to make this effort a tremendous success. We would be most appreciative if you could let us know as soon as possible.

By the way, I read your Preface to Black Metropolis. It is done with great power and challenge.

With cordial good wishes and the season's greetings, I am

Very sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

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ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH SUBJECT FILE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE A-C 1947

CORRESPONDENCE

January 8, 1947

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community
Relations Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arnold,

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-Policy
NY Council

January 28, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations
Advisory Council
386 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arny:

Find enclosed copy of telegram which is self-explanatory.

Sincerely,

APR:ba

A. Philip Randolph
International President

March 12, 1967

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community
Relations Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arny:

The enclosed is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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September 6, 1947

Mr. Arnold Aronson, Secretary
Executive Committee
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
c/o National Community Relations Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Arny:

Find enclosed copy of letter from Dr. Schieffelin. I recommend that we make every effort to meet his request.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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6926 Willow St.
New Orleans, La. 15

Jan. 29, 1947.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The Cosmopolitan Club, the small social club with which you met one evening at my house, is holding a series of forum discussions this year. We have been looking forward to asking you to lead one on the New Party during your visit here, if you can fit it into your schedule conveniently.

I have spoken to Mr. Garran, who says that the Conferences will be over on Feb. 13, leaving you free for the interval between that and the 18th which is Mardi Gras day. I think that Friday, Feb. 14th would be a good date for us, and we could start early, say at 7:30 and be over at 9:30, so that there would be time to attend a party afterward. Mr. Garran said that they all begin at 11 p.m.

I know that Lillian Muniz has written to ask you to meet also with our FEPC Council on one night. I believe that that is the more important occasion, and that we would like to have it on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 8 p.m. If you feel that you can give us two meetings, however, we shall be very pleased.

We are all looking forward to your visit and hoping that you are going to have rest and recreation into the bargain.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Mary Allan

NC-FEPC
New Orleans

February 4, 1947

Miss Mary Allen
[illegible] Willow Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mary:

Thanks a lot for your letter of January 30th suggesting that I spend a little time with the Cosmopolitan Club and say something about the new party. I will be glad to do this if you can get the time to work it in. I will talk to you when I get into New Orleans about it.

By all means, I shall plan to meet with the Local Council for FEPC. According to my present plan, I am supposed to leave New Orleans, on Saturday the 15th.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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The Eastside Labor Committee

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4006½ SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
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SECRETARY

April 30, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
117 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Los Angeles Chapter of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, after four organizational meetings, I feel, has finally been launched. We were successful in electing Dr. Summerville, John Dial and L. B. Thompson to the offices you suggested. In addition to this, most of the local groups whose national offices are affiliated with the National Council are serving as members of the Executive Committee, along with permanent citizens of the city. The Executive Board felt that in order to do the necessary job a full-time executive secretary was necessary. In line with this decision, Mr. Palmer Van Gundy, who has been working as promotional secretary with the Church World Service Organization, was appointed and hired at the salary of $75.00 per week. The Executive Committee has authorized the opening of a Downtown office, the employment of an office secretary in addition to Mr. Van Gundy. I am enclosing an anticipated budget for the month of May.

We are planning a meeting at the Clark Hotel for May the 7th, with a follow-up meeting on or about the first of June, which we hope will be followed by a mass Rally at the Shrine Auditorium about the 15th of June. Mr. Van Gundy has been instructed by the Executive Committee to request that the National Organization explore the possibility of securing a national speaker for this Rally. Although our fund raising has gotten off to a slow start, I feel optimistic over our prospects of giving substantial support to the national program.

Fraternally yours,

James H. Anderson
James H. Anderson

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April 26, 1947

Mr. James Anderson
The Eastside Labor Committee
4006½ S. Central
Los Angeles, 11, Calif.

Dear Jimmy:

The following is the budget for May that we worked out at the meeting Thursday night:

	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
RENT	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00
EXEC. SEC.	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
OFFICE GIRL	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
MAILING STATIONARY MISC.	250.00	175.00	175.00	100.00
TO BE RAISED FOR "SHRINE" MEETING	300.00	500.00	500.00	200.00
	$685.00	$810.00	$810.00	$435.00
TO BE SENT TO NAT'L OFFICE	450.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
TOTAL	$1135.00	$1610.00	$1610.00	$1235.00

The additional expenses of the Campaign Committee is to be added to the above.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)
Arthur Addis

AA:VB

NC-FEPC
Los Angeles Council

May 15, 1947

Mr. James E. Anderson
The Eastside Labor Committee
4006½ South Central Avenue
Los Angeles 11, Calif.

Dear Jimmy:

Thanks a lot for your letter of April 30th with enclosure. I am glad to know that the Los Angeles Local Council for a Permanent FEPC is under way and that it is moving forward.

I would suggest that you write to get Senator Downey or if Senator Morse is coming out that way at the time of the meeting he will no doubt be available. Unless the local organization could defray the expenses of a speaker it is doubtful that the National Organization will be able to get one to come to Los Angeles for a meeting. Senator Morse would be ideal or Senator Ives.

Hearings on the bills in the Senate begin June 11, through the 20th. The outlook for the bills is good, if we can only develop public sentiment back of the fight.

I am glad to know that you got a good set up headed by Dr. Sommerville. I know the group will do a good job. I am proud of the work we did in getting the Council started. I am sure it will bear fruit for the whole country. Hope to see you when I come to the AFL Convention in October. Kindly remember me to all the friends.

Fraternally yours,

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A. Philip Randolph
International President

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

National Council for a Permanent FEPC

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4006½ SO. CENTRAL AVE
LOS ANGELES 11, CALIF.

July 11, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
2084 7th Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I returned from Washington on the 2nd. of July, sorry I did not have the opportunity of seeing you the one day you were in the city while I was there.

As you no doubt know, your anticipations of the attempt to use California vote on the state FEPC, as an indication that people outside of the South were opposed to this type of legislation, was made. We were able to make room for insertions in the Committees record of a statement for California, a copy of which you should have received by now, in the event you did not get a copy, one is being mailed to you under seperate cover.

The California delegation was very disappointed because a place to testify before the Committee had not been arranged by the National Councils Executive Director or Lobbyist. We felt as you expressed while on your trip here in the city that California's witness would have been one of the most important ones appearing before the Committee because of the defeat on the November referendum.

We were further disappointed in the apparent lack of organization on the part of the Washington office in the conduct of the hearings and its lack of proper press releases and publicity, and feel very strongly that you should personally take a hand in organizing the Washington office for the January activities.

We would like very much to receive from the Washington office as soon as possible a list of organizations and individuals appearing before the Committee and copies of their testimony, plus copies of press releases and other material that could help us in building and planning the other phase of out activity.

We received from my International Union, (the Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders International Union), a check for $2000.00. Of this amount, $1000.00 is being mailed to you today by Brother Thompson. I shall mail you next week a copy of our financial report showing the amount of money raised and spent in our activities. We are planning to hold a 'kick-off mass meeting' October 19. This date was selected because we felt you would be on the West Coast attending the A.F. of L. Convention and our plan calls for presenting three (3) speakers, you, a Republican Senator Morris or Ives; a Democratic speaker, possibly Chavez or Downey. We have some assurance of involving the Screen Actors Guild in support of the meeting. It is our hope that it will be larger than the Wallace meeting several months ago.

Our Board has also approved a plan to attempt the passage of a Los Angeles Municipal FEPC Ordinance . This will be announced at a Progress Report meeting we have scheduled for July 30th.

A.D.A. and other groups have indicated their desire to support this effort. We feel that this will have a stimulating effect upon the local organization and aid us in holding the group together during the summer months.

You will undoubtedly receive communications from Dr. Somerville, Attorney Gilbert and John Dial on most of the matters, so I will close for now.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health and that I shall see you at the A.F. of L. Convention, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

James H Anderson

James H. Anderson

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Los Angeles Council

July 30, 1947

Mr. James H. Anderson,
Los Angeles Chapter
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
4000½ South Central Avenue
Los Angeles 11, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of July 11th expressing your opinion with respect to the hearings on the FEPC by the Sub-Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. I wish the Los Angeles Council had indicated to me or to some other representative of the National Council its interest in appearing before the Committee to testify. I am confident that the testimony would have been helpful, because no doubt the defeat of FEPC in California will be used on the floors of the House and the Senate against the enactment of our Bills.

I want to express, on behalf of the Council, our appreciation for the check of $1000.

I note that you plan to start a movement for a city FEPC. I hope it will not detract from the fight for a national FEPC. As a rule this has occurred where such efforts have been made for local FEPCs'. I have particular reference to St. Louis and Chicago. I note that the General Chairman of the Los Angeles Council is Dr. Sommerville, and the Co-Chairmen of the Executive Committee are Robert Gilber and John Bial. I think this is a good set-up. I hope the Council will maintain this set-up, because I am confident it will be effective in its appeal to the public.

I plan to be in attendance at the A.F. of L. Convention in San Francisco and will visit Los Angeles before I return East. I am wondering if it might not be advisable for the Los Angeles Council to stage a meeting while I am there. It might be the means for raising some funds. You might bring this idea to the attention of the Council to see what is thought of it.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 1, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Int. Pres.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter well received, and noted carefully your very pertinent suggestions on our plans for the Los Angeles Chapter.

I assumed that co-Chairman Robert W. Gilbert had fowarded a request to you to appear as our principal speaker at a mass meeting we have scheduled for October 19.

This program is planned and we are depending on you.

Will see you at the Convention.

Fraternally yours,

James H Anderson
James H. Anderson

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WRITE OR TELEGRAPH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT
SENATE BILL 984 AND COMPANION BILLS IN THE HOUSE

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August 27, 1947

Mr. James E. Anderson, Chairman
Los Angeles Council for a Permanent FEPC
[illegible] Wilson Building
[illegible] South Spring Street
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Jim:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 1st suggesting meeting for October [illegible] for FEPC. I will be glad to participate in this meeting. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

[1947]

Mr. James H. Anderson
Los Angeles Chapter,
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
4006½ South Central Avenue
Los Angeles 11, California

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Supplementing replies to your letter of July 11, addressed to Mr. Randolph, which you may receive from him and from Mr. Henderson, I want to make a statement about one reference to my work in connection with the hearing.

Frank, straightforward criticism such as you have made is healthy and helpful. I hope you will appreciate an equally frank reply.

You state the disappointment of the California delegation over the fact that this office did not arrange time for one of your members to testify in the Senate hearings. As I believe was explained to Mr. Gilbert and yourself at the time, Chairman Donnell limited the hearings to six half days. Mr. Rodgers, the Committee Secretary, stated that, if hearings were not concluded within the allotted time, they would be laid over until January.

Faced with this situation, we consulted members of the Policy Committee. A decision was made to limit drastically the panel of witnesses to be suggested to Senator Ives and Mr. Rodgers. We followed the rule of limiting the list to national organizations. Thus, we proposed only one witness each for the AF of L, the CIO, the three principal religious faiths and the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. This plan was described in Mr. Randolph's opening statement, a marked copy of which I enclose.

Even this reduction did not bring the list within the time limit set. It was then necessary to ask several national organizations, such as the National YWCA, the Workers Defense League, Leo Cherne of the Research Institute of America, etc., etc., simply to file statements

Senator Ives stipulated that the three States having effective Fair Employment laws in operation should be included, since they were models for S. 984.

On the final schedule of witnesses, as issued by Mr. Rodgers, certain witnesses were included without our knowledge or agreement. We did not have, and could not have had, complete control over the final determination of the schedule of witnesses.

Under the circumstances, the brief subsequently filed by Mr. Gilbert is the very strong best that could be done to perfect the record with respect to the California referendum and the true FEPC sentiment in California.

As to your more general criticism of our role in the conduct of hearings, "lack of proper press releases and publicity," I am submitting a memorandum to Mr. Randolph and the Executive Committee. We had planned a rather thorough job of coverage, reporting, analyses of testimony, releases, etc., for the hearings, but, principally because of lack of funds for staff, it was not possible to deliver as we had planned and hoped. In the future, as a result of substantial contributions such as the one you recently forwarded, it should be possible to give the sort of all round service I know you expected, and had a right to expect.

Sincerely yours,

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PAUL SIFTON
Director of Legislative
and Public Relations

cc: Mr. Randolph
Mr. Wilkins
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Henderson

NC FEPC
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Oct. 17-47

Dear Bro. Randolph,

We held a very good meeting of F.E.P.C. Wed. night Oct. 15th and set up several Sub-committees. Judge Cobb volunteered to service on the Speakers Committee. You see we plan to cover all the churches. Ralph Mathews agreed to serve on the publicity and public relations Committee. He agreed to put on a show for the benefit of our Committee. He is the head of a show group named the "Professor and the Co-Ed. We are to stage this show just as soon as arrangements can be made.

Everything looks very promising for the Committee. I am enclosing two clippings from The Washington Post.

Fraternally,

Bill Anderson

[1947]

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KANSAS CITY 8, MISSOURI

NC-FEPC
Kansas Council

March 3

Dear Philip:

Thank you for the cards and for your courtesy while in N. Y.

You may not have heard that Missouri has a state FEPC Bill before the Assembly. ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Webster may have told you about it.

The situation in which we are place is this

1. Introduced by 2 Negro Representatives both of whom are serving their first term.

2. The Representative from St. Louis is reputed to be a Communist

3. Both of these Representative are Democrats

4. Division of the House
   54 Democrats
   100 Rebpulicans

5. Bill referred to Labor Committee

We have secured the promise of State Chairman of A. F. L. to support the Bill. Are striving for support of all Democratic Party Leaders, which is the easiest to get.

Our big headache is Republican leadership--black as well as white. They have a perfect alibi which they seem to be using. We have some promises but not very strong ones. Civic groups are doing well.

Hearing before the Committee will be March 12. Will have a good delegation at the hearing--largely representatives of groups who are favorable.

Our Representative, Mr. Neal, may contact you to request your presence at the hearing. He took the matter up with me. My reply to him was that your time schedule would doubtless make it impossible for you to be here at that time. Made a rather neat excuse.

We had a meeting on the Bill Saturday night and in spite of a severe snow storm, we had a good attendance and promise of those present to work to support the legislation. All this will gain increased information and attention more people to the entire philosophy of FEPC.

How goes the conference for June? Have not heard from Mr. Dodson. Will keep you informed on our situation.

Sincerely
Bobbie

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th St.
New York City

Dear Philip:

The K. C. Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held its annual meeting to launch the membership drive April 27.

At this meeting our President, Carl R. Johnson, announced that he had received a telegram from the National Office (N. A. A. C. P.) announcing that the National Council for F. E. P. C. was no longer able to carry on and that the NAACP was assuming financial responsibility and requesting the Branch to make an immediate cash contribution.

Johnson had said nothing to me about having received this telegram and I have heard nothing of this from you or Mr. Henderson. Please let me know if this information is correct.

Mr. Walton was present and heard the announcement and we have discussed the matter but have said nothing.

Received your card. I am always glad to hear from you. I have not been very well this winter. Have had several colds but a change in administration in my school had kept me unusually busy.

We are still expecting you to come here for a speaking engagement and would appreciate having you set the date as soon as possible.

Please let us hear from you on both matters as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Bobbie

April 29, 1947

NC FEPC
Kansas City Div

May 6, 1947

Mrs. Bobbie Arnold
[illegible] Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Bobbie:

I note your letter of April 29th concerning announcement made at the Kansas City branch meeting of the NAACP to the effect that the National Council for a Permanent FEPC was no longer able to carry on, and that the NAACP was assuming financial responsibility and requested the Branch to make an immediate cash contribution.

May I say that the National Council is carrying on as usual. There is no change in its responsibility and control for the fight for FEPC legislation. The NAACP is a part of the Council, along with the A.F. of L. and the CIO, and the Brotherhood and other groups. We do need money, and the NAACP no doubt is calling upon its branches to contribute to the drive for funds.

I hope the Local Council will be able to send in some funds at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Kansas City Council

October 11, 1947

Dear Philip:

Just a note to let you know that things are progressing here in the manner in which you indicated.

We have held several meeting and Rev. Williams is acting as Chairman and additional officers will be chosen at the next meeting.

They have done the one thing that I have contended for. They have voted to hire an Executive Secretary whose responsibility it will be to do the work. I have always felt that was too much work to ask an individual to do without any compensation. I also knew no other person was going to do it.

If, or when, I see you again, there is one point I should like to have cleared up.

Give Mr. Webster my regards and I hope he is recovering his health.

Sincerely

Bobby

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NC-FEPC
Kansas City

November 11, 1947

Dear Philip:

Glad as always to receive a letter from you.

Am very glad that you are coming to K. C. It is important that you should and there is one thing that you must do—clear up the cloud that surrounds the National Council here. Mr. Johnson, the President of the N. A. A. C. P. takes every opportunity to claim that the N. A. A. C. P. has taken over the Council. That it is financing and directing it. I do not know when you made Roy Wilkins Chairman of the Executive Board nor why, but I am sure it was a mistake.

I am convinced that the N. A. A. C. P. as an organization would not hesitate to sabotage the entire movement as such. These people have not worked to create the Council nor will they work to maintain it—my personal opinion.

I have not been to a meeting of the group here recently. They have held some meetings at noon, I am informed but of course it would be impossible for me to attend these.

These evidences of opposition which you mention are only indications of what actually exists. The Negroes will emerge in that camp soon and you may be surprised at the identity of some of them. In our community, I know of the existence and the location of some powerful opposition and it was my plan of action to prevent an open conflict and to keep the opposition inactive and its presence from becoming known too generally.

If possible, reserve a few minutes on your calendar for me while in K. C. I am interested in FEPC and am still convinced that it is the greatest social thought that came out of the recent War Era. I am also convinced of ultimate success but only after much hard work and a great deal of heart-ache. As a matter of fact, am still working to further the cause.

Did not answer your last letter, but gave Rev. Williams your address in Los Angeles and he had planned to write you there. At the time his wife was quite ill and he may not have done so. The information you had requested, he was to pass on to you.

Will tell you about the publication project—paper it is—when I see you.

With sincere best wishes

As ever

Bobby

FEPC

Admt Policy Cm

January 6, 1947

Mr. Ernest T. Attwell
107 Elm Street
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Friend Attwell:

Thanks a lot for your letter of December 30th with enclosures concerning your work. I think the comments on your work are [illegible] indeed. I should like to permit some of the members of our Ad[illegible] Committee to look them over.

May I say that all the members of the Committee were very fa[illegible] impressed with you and your attitude and approach to the problem of [illegible]

May I request you to send me a memorandum on your background and work so that I may have it for presentation to the Committee at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 20, 1946

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 W. 125th Street
New York City

Dear friend Randolph

May I thank you for your courtesy in presenting me to the Committee considering the problems of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee. I enjoyed the discussions at the meeting very much and presume it might be because of the limited number of questions involving my own possible contribution to the movement. (Since I have a sense of humor.) The other misapprehension I had was I had erroneously assumed that the responsibilities might be too great because I thought it would include public relations, legislation, financing, administration, and including the field work. I can see now the value of my advice in training other people in my present field in order that they might be able to make a definite job analysis for all important responsible positions in their agency or staff. If I have a little time later on I can do this for your F.E.P.C. movement if it had not already been done.

I wish you could send me the names of the members of the Committee that I met at the Governor Clinton Hotel yesterday because I would like to keep them in mind. I thought very well of each one of them as I listened to the contribution each one made to the discussion.

I had not intended to write this much because I merely wanted to let you know I appreciated very much the way in which you presented me and made it easy to relate myself to the Committee and its objectives.

Sincerely yours

E. T. Attwell

Ernest T. Attwell

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reply to { 107 Elm St.
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December 18, 1946

Mr. John H. Jackson
Recreation Department
730 West Jackson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear John H. Jackson

I do appreciate your taking time to write so appreciatively of the work of our good friend E. T. Attwell. You know, I am sure, how highly we all regard him.

I am asking that as soon as the information is available regarding the St. Louis meeting word be sent to you, and I am referring to Mr. Attwell your question as to whether we have a set of by-laws covering a state recreation association.

Best wishes for the success of the work in Orlando.

Sincerely yours

(signed)
Howard Braucher
President

HSB/vh

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PURPOSE, SERVICE and PRODUCT of the NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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Central Service Agency to Recreation Forces of America

For Mr Randolph

note other side!!

E. T. Attwell

ORIGIN

Organizing group met with President Theodore Roosevelt at the White House in 1906. Incorporated 1926—New York State.

PURPOSE

Operation of a national, non-profit, recreation service agency.

EARLY LEADERS

Among the pioneers in building up the Association's services: Joseph Lee, Jane Addams, Henry P. Davison, William Butterworth, Charles Hayden, Myron T. Herrick, John Finley, Jacob Riis.

JOB TO BE DONE

From one-eighth to one-seventh of the normal national income is spent for recreation, much of it destructive in character—results—absenteeism, bad health, delinquency, inefficiency.

Out of 6,000 towns and cities in America only 1,426 reported recreation programs and facilities in 1944 for the Year Book.

Recreation for industrial workers and their families especially needed now.

Special studies and careful estimates indicate a need of many times the present leadership.

Areas and facilities far below accepted standards. Only a small proportion of the boys and girls needing recreation service are getting it.

Services used by Army, Navy, Treasury Department, Red Cross, U.S.O., other war recreation agencies and by post war planning groups.

The capital value of community recreation areas and facilities is conservatively estimated at six billion dollars.

Expenditures for community recreation in 1,245 cities reporting for 1944—$38,790,623. Over 35,500 employed recreation workers and nearly fifty thousand volunteers reported.

The job to be done, the large capital investment, and annual local expenditure require the effective energetic services of a national agency such as the National Recreation Association.

Present expenditure budget (1945) $306,986.00. The Association spends only what it has. Does not operate on a deficit.

Service needs now if met call for $228,000.00 additional from corporations and individuals.

KINDS OF SERVICE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION

Personal service, on request, right in the communities wishing to establish or extend recreation.

Training and consulting service by specialists in recreation in industry, games, athletics, girls' work, parks, work for colored people, music, drama, arts and crafts, gardening, nature, rural, and school recreation.

Publications; correspondence and consultation bureau; personnel service; research; clearing house for recreation information and experience; the monthly magazine RECREATION, Bulletins.

Maintain central place where any individual, corporation, organization or government department may turn for information and experience on recreation.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Voluntary contributions from over 11,000 persons in over 900 communities.

UNIQUENESS

Without organic relationship and without obligation, hundreds of municipalities, various departments of the Federal Government, a host of civic, social and business groups, and thousands of individuals look to the Association as the central clearing house for recreation information and guidance.

Successful leadership based upon over forty years of service and proved capacity.

PRODUCT

Better conditions for war workers and their families now. Wholesome recreation sustains the spirit of the people, helps production by increasing efficiency, stabilizes emotions under tension of war.

Growth in education, health, safety, personality, happiness, mental power, and character of children.

Livable and beautiful communities with Parks, Playgrounds, Swimming Pools, Community Centers, Camps, Drama Groups, Musical Organizations, and other Recreation Facilities and Activities.

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Memorandum for Mr. Randolph

I allowed you to see some of the commendatory letters that happened to be in our files but one of your members spoke about the recent Conference I held in Florida. Just this morning there came to my attention a letter sent to the President of our Association which I am attaching and asking you to return the original to me. I am also attaching a copy of the reply made by the President of the Association and which I send you for your confidential information.

E.T.A.

Ernest T. Attwell

107 Elm St.

Montclair, N.J.

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January 10, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 W. 125th Street
New York City

Confidential

Dear friend Randolph

I am attaching herewith the memorandum regarding my background, which I assume was to cover my activities.

While I have been in this social work, recreation field for the past twenty years, my range has covered constantly cities in about 34 states and District of Columbia.

Keep in mind I am not applying for a job. I merely have the idea that with my administrative experience and public relations, I can be of value in obtaining the objectives indicated as the purpose of the National Council for F. E. P. C. In other words, I should be happy to give my aid to the F. E. P. C. movement if the Committee desires to consider inviting me to take the responsibility with their 100% backing.

However, there is no other position which I have any desire to fill on any wage level.

I would have to consider securing a six month's leave to give my full time to F. E. P. C. and our organization, having schedules and committments in advance, would probably need a few weeks to make adjustments if they cooperate at all. So far my associates have no knowledge of my interest in the F. E. P. C. movement and would have to be advised by me, - rather than otherwise. Because of this, I have not included any "references." However, when the plans develop I can secure commendatory comment from most of the leaders in many fields, - religious, industry and social work fields, - concerning character, etc. if needed.

Sincerely yours

E. T. Attwell

Ernest T. Attwell

ETA/ml

P.S. I'm leaving my headquarters for a trip in the middle West next week. However, all mail or wires sent me to my residence 107 Elm Street, Montclair, N.J. will be promptly forwarded.

still hoping for a few minutes confab. 'Phone me Gramercy 5-7100 (N.Y. office) or at home "Montclair 3-0746"

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A PHILIP RANDLPH CARE OF J L WILLIAMS
89 JERONE WEST MEDFORD MASS=

WE HAVE CHOSEN FEBRUARY 13TH AND FEBRUARY 16TH AS TENTATIVE DATES FOR FEPC DINNER LET US KNOW BEFORE THURSDAY WHICH DATE IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU=

REV JOHN W WILLIAMS
HAZEL ALVES=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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RR CHUCH HAS ARRANGED MEETING WITH ROBERT TAFT FOR FEBRUARY 4TH AT TEN OCLOCK=

HAZEL ALVES=

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April 10, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 W. 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I was happy to learn of the introduction of the new Ives Bill in Washington, and that it was introduced under such fine auspices. I sincerely hope this effort will succeed. Our experience with state F.E.P.C. legislation is less fortunate. After the State Supreme Court ruled the initiative petition off the ballot for the April 7 election on the technicality that the bill contained no title, a competing organization immediately persuaded three democratic state senators to put on a title and re-introduce it. This gave it "the kiss of death" since the legislature is overwhelmingly republican and in addition strongly opposed to the bill as originally drafted. We sent a delegation to the Governor asking him to sponsor a new bill and we have a group of lawyers drafting a new bill. The Governor promised to think about and apparently it takes him a long time to think things through to some conclusion. So we are trying to bring pressure on the legislature.

Frequently, I receive calls from individuals and organizations who want information in regard to status of the national F.E.P.C. These inquiries come from organizations who have included both state and national F.E.P.C. legislation in their programs for this year and print information and suggested action bulletins distributed to their membership. Also the University of Michigan Extension Service Workers Education Division holds regular legislative conferences on Saturday Mornings and I am sure would be interested in presenting material on national F.E.P.C. I know the person in charge very well and he works closely with us. Could you let me know whom persons seeking information may contact locally. There is very little publicity

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here regarding it.

Also would you be kind enough to send me a copy of the latest report on the national F.E.P.C. I've written to Washington for it, but that, experience has taught me, may be a slow process. We wired for copies of the Ives Bill but no action on that yet.

Sorry I didn't get a chance to talk with you more when you were here. I hope you will return soon. Let me know in advance if possible.

One more thing, I've talked to Mr. Bennie Smith, of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, here and asked him to cooperate with us but he feels state F.E.P.C. laws are inadequate and that the national is the only solution. We need support of every progressive group. The Negro Community is not activated nearly as much as it should be, so if you can put in a good word for us with him, it will be greatly appreciated.

My son is eager to know you better and is very interested in the national F.E.P.C. He worked in the drive in Illinois last year, so you have a recruit if he can be of service to you.

Please keep in touch with me and on your next trip here save some time on your schedule for a visit to our office.

Sincerely yours,

Olive R. Beasley

Olive R. Beasley
Executive Secretary

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NCPFEPC
Michigan
Council

April 30, 1947

Miss Olive R. Beasley, Executive Secretary
Michigan Council for Fair Employment Legislation
[illegible] Washington Boulevard Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Miss Beasley:

Thanks a lot for your letter of April 19th informing me of the efforts of the Michigan Council for a Permanent FEPC. May I suggest that you write Mr. Henderson, who is the Executive Director of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, at [illegible] F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for information concerning the bills now before Congress for a permanent FEPC. I am sure he will be glad to send you copies of the bills and literature.

Hope to see you when I return to Detroit.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

BROTHERHOOD of SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

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KEYSTONE 4524

2740 Williams St.
Denver, Colorado
August 1, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother:

On Wednesday, July 27, 1947, the local FEPC had their meeting at the Y. M. C. A.,,with Attorney Campbell as Chairman, and Mrs Thelma Freeman as Secretary-Treasurer.

There was an open discussion by Mrs Freeman and Attorney Campbell about you not notifying them about your coming to Denver and also no notification from you about any meeting. The minutes of a previous meeting were read and also the minutes of the meeting that was held by you when you were here.

The question was raised in the meeting by Walter Jones about the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs Freeman said she was duly elected to the two offices and therefore, we did not raise the question of when the meeting took place when she was elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

I wish to ask you to enquire from the General Council of FEPC if they have information as to the meeting that Mrs Freeman was elected to those offices; if so, let me know as I have been put on the Executive Board of this local Council, and when the Board has it's next meeting I will be in a position to ask for the minutes of any meeting. I will not raise any question concerning her being Secretary-Treasurer unless there are no parts of any meeting held that do not show that she was duly elected.

Yours fraternally,

J R Benoit

J. R. Benoit, Secy- Treasurer
Denver Branch

xc FEPC
Denver Div

August 26, 1947

Mr. J.B. Bundit, Secretary-Treasurer
Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC
2700 Williams Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Brother Bundit:

I note your letter of August 19, concerning the meeting of the local FEPC council. I think you acted wisely in not taking issue with the office of the secretary-treasurer. Of course, I don't know when anyone was made secretary-treasurer of the Denver Council. If such was done, it was a mistake, but in order to keep down any trouble I would advise that we let things stay as they are and cooperate with the local council as it is. Since new blood is being brought into it, I think the council can be made to do some effective work. Professor Rich of Denver University, besides some other people, have come into the Council, and they will be quite helpful.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Contribution

March 27, [illegible]

Mr. Sam [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother [illegible]:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of $[illegible] to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative field and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

Re - FEPC
Chicago Div.

June 2, 1947

Mr. Morris Bialis, Chairman
Joint Board of Clothing Workers
333 West Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir and Brother:

I will be in Chicago this week and will be pleased to have a chat with you about FEPC legislation. The hearings on FEPC begin on June 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21. We are planning a trade union luncheon here in New York, called by Matthew Woll, David Dubinsky and myself, to raise funds for the fight. I hope we may be able to arrange a similar luncheon in Chicago. I want to talk with you concerning this matter.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Elmer W. Hend

217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

August 6, 1947

Mr. Julian Black
580 East 61 Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Friend Black:

Just a word to say that I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you upon my return to Chicago for the purpose of talking over ways and means of developing moral and financial support in Chicago for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, the organization which is carrying the ball for the enactment of a fair employment practice legislation in Congress through Bills S 984 and H.R. 2232. Because of the vicious and violent attacks on this legislation by men like Rankin of Mississippi and Ellender of Louisiana, Negroes must mobilize all of their forces to secure the enactment of these bills.

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Executive Director of our National Council for a Permanent FEPC may visit Chicago before I do. If he does, I will have him call on you to secure your support in setting up a Chicago Local Council to raise funds for this legislation.

This issue is vital. It is a bread and butter question. The people who are required to fight, bleed and die for a country ought to have a right to live int it. But the people cannot live unless they work and they cannot work if discrimination, racial and religious blocks them.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:hm

Re-FEPC
Chicago

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3610 Cottage Grove
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= MRS A FLETCHER BOOTH.

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89 Jerome St
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Nc-FEPC
Seattle Div.

Seattle, Wn
Aug. 22. 1947

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph:

My Dear Mr. Randolff: we were so glad to hear from you, and I am so ashame in writing so long to answer. but I have been busy every moment with the FEPC and other things I had to do. I trust you are well. Sweetheart and I are well that is he was the last time I saw him. he left on the 8th. for "God knows Where".

Our committee has done very well but not as well as I would like. It was and is a Job educating our People to these things. I am sorry to report that the BSCP has done very little to help me in any way. phisically, mentaly and Financially. to date the Local BSCP has contributed only $12.50 The Dining Car waiters $60.00. our President met a few times. of course he is old but that has nothing to do with the Finance. and Brother Lewis was elected Secretary for FEPC but I knew he wouldnt serve as long as there wasnt 20¢ on the $1.00 involved. the Ladies Auxilary helped very little although I did pay $14.75 out of us. but I refuse to be discouraged now that I have information on what happened in congress I am morer determined than ever to make it go. the Local NAACP did nothing and charged me for everything they did but Election is coming again. I might be aiming too high but I do hope to have you and Mr. William Green come out sometime before too long whenever you think you will have some time to spare let me know

Best regard to Mrs Randolph and I do hope she can and will visit the NW sometime.

Be kind to yourself and remember us in Prayer whenever you have time to Pray smile. now that Bilbo is dead maybe we can get somewhere. when the head is dead the tail is bound to die.

Best wishes to you from us

Fraternally yours

A. F. Booth.

PC-FEPC Seattle Div-

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Sept. 10, 1947

Mr. A Phillip Randolph.

Dear Mr. Randolph, Is there a possibility of your coming to Seattle for the 14 & 15th of October. If you will agree let me know by wire please. We will take care of all transportation. If you can give us one of the dates we will arrange for Air passage in order to avoid so much time on train.

Please Mr. Randolph do this as I will be so happy

As Ive. really worked to that effect. (~~Sweetheart~~ Brother Borth) joins in Our best to you.!

Fraternally yours
A. Fletcher Borth.

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A PHILLIP RANDOLPH,CHAIRMAN=

BROTHERHOOD SLEEPING CAR PORTERS CARE AF OF L

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DEAR SIR WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FETC SENDS TO YOU GREETINGS AND OUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN CARRYING THE FIGHT FOR FAIR AND FULL EMPLOYMENT TO THE HIGHEST COUNCIL OF LABOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF A F OF L NOW MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO THE LOCAL COUNCIL REALIZES THE TREMENDOUS JOB THAT HAS TO BE DONE AND IS MOVING INTO HIGH GEAR TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND THEN MORE WITH CONGRESS RECONVENING SOON THE LOCAL COUNCIL IS OPENING ITS DRIVE FOR FINANCE AND PUBLICITY WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ARRANGE TO COME TO SEATTLE IT WOULD MEAN MUCH TO FETC ANSWER IMMEDIATELY=

A FLETCHER BOOTH CHAIRMAN AND JAMES H TAYLOR SEC.
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Oct 1. 1947

NC-FEPC
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EMPIRE BUILDER

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I received your letter and was so glad to hear from you. Sorry you can't come to us this year but, almost sure it would be impossible. Is it possible for you to give us a date. Next Spring or early Summer? I realize Next year is Convention year but, if you can arrange to do so please

let me know and what
time or about what time
you can make it.

We held our First meeting
on FEPC Monday Night Sept 29.
since Congress adjourned.
and hope to get some
real work done this Fall.
Sweetheart joins in our
Best to you.

Fraternally

A. F. Borth.

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B'KLYN COMMITTEE FOR PERMANENT FEPC
424 Macon St., B'klyn, N.Y.
GLenmore 5-4051

NC-FEPC
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A. Phillip Randolph
217 West 125th St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Randolph:

This is to remind you that we are looking forward with pleasure your speaking at the FEPC conference on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m., at the Central YWCA, 30 Third Ave., Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret V. Brown

(Mrs.) Margaret V. Brown
Chairman

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NC-FEPC
Seattle Br

April 19, 1947

Miss Idell Burtner, Secretary
Y.W.C.A.
1900 East Madison
Seattle, Washington

Dear Idell,

Just a word of remembrance and to express my appreciation for your interest and cooperation in helping to reestablish the Local Council for a Permanent FEPC in Seattle. For further information, bills or literature may I refer you to Mr. Elmer Henderson who is now Executive Secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC at 930 F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:hm

January 2, 1947

Mr. R. R. Church
6000 Champlain
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob,

I am sorry that our policy committee did not act with greater speed so that we could have utilized your services while in Washington to get a meeting with the Steering Committee of the Republican Party headed by Senator Taft. I don't know if we will be able to get this conference before Congress meets or not but I will keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC
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January 6, 1947

Mr. R. R. Church
6000 Champlain
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

Thanks a lot for copy of telegram sent to Senator Taft in the interest of FEPC. At our National Board of Directors meeting a few days ago, it went on record to consult with you concerning the FEPC legislation and seek your cooperation.

Cordially,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Chicago January 22, 1947

Mr. Paul Sifton
National Council FEPC
930 F - Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

After telephone conversation with you and thinking matter over decided it was not wise for me to begin to contact Martin regarding legislation. I am trying to rearrange my schedule so that I can be there around first week in February, sooner if possible. Had a long conference with Randolph here yesterday

Church.

6000 Champlain Avenue.

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH, CARE L B THOMPSON
19567 SECOND AVE [illegible]

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FEPC BILL INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE TODAY BY IVES, MORSE, SALTONSTALL, SMITH REPUBLICANS CHAVEZ, MURRAY, MYERS, DOWNEY DEMOCRATS, AND THE SAME BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE TODAY BY FULTON, REPUBLICAN PITTSBURGH AND NORTON NEW JERSEY, CHURCH [illegible] [illegible].

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ARTHUR E. BOWLES, JR., MGR.

Dunbar Hotel
YOU STREET AT FIFTEENTH, N. W.
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

NOrth 8970

April 11, 1947

Personal

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Care Mr. F. T. Parke
347 South Eighth St., West,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Randolph:-

I have an idea that I could help very much in getting quick action on your bill in the Senate , if it was possible for me to make a trip to Missouri, right now. This trip would require about a week, and as a guess, the Railroad and Pullman fare, plus the tax, would be around One Hundred Twentyfive ($125.00) Dollars. Then about the middle of next month, I think it would be very helpful if I made another trip to Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. I imagine this trip would cost about One Hundred Fifty ($150.00) Dollars, and would require about the same time. Think it over and let me hear from you immediately.

On receipt of this, I wish that you would wire Mr. Schieffelin, Treasurer, 620 Park Avenue, New York, to reimburse me for my expenses, for the months of February, March and through April 15. I would appreciate it if you would have him do this.

Roy Wilkins was down here Tuesday for the NAACP, and while he was in the City, I hear he and Sifton had a conference and that Wilkins appointed a man from Howard University as Executive Secretary of the National Council. The same position that Mrs. Hedgeman held. I am not sure, but I think the man's name is Elmer Henderson. I also saw Walter White in Senator Morse's office yesterday.

Let me hear from you, and with my kind regards,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Church

R. R. Church.

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R. R. Church.
Dunbar Hotel
2015 Fifteenth St., N. W.,
Washington 9, D. C.

April 12, 1947

Mr. William Jay Schieffelin, Treasurer,
620 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Reimbursement Expenses R. R. Church

From February 16, through February 28, 13 days	$ 130.00
From March 1, through March 15, 15 "	150.00
This Act was sent in March 15,	$ 280.00
From March 16, through through March 31, 16 days	$ 160.00
This Act was sent in March 27,	440.00
From April 1, through April 15, 15 days	150.00
Total	$ 590.00

Please.

NC FEPC
RR Church

April [illegible], 1947

Mr. R. R. Church
[illegible] Champlain
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

I have just gotten back from a long trip out West. I want to congratulate you upon the great work you are doing for FEPC and [illegible] $250 and you need not have any worry about the funds that you are supposed to receive. I would suggest that you don't write Mr. Schieffelin or any one else for any funds. They will make payments to you and you may send the payments to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters as reimbursement since I will see to it that you get the monies that are due you.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]
Enc.

R.R. Church

August 27, 1947

Mr. R. R. Church
6000 Champlain Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 11th with clippings. By the way, I am going to Memphis, September 14th to speak in the Beale Street Church. I expect to denounce the Crump Machine at that time. I will let you know what happens.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BD

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August 11, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Kingston Inn
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Randolph:-

On my arrival in Chicago this morning, I found your letter of the 6. The result of your conferences with Murray, Carey and Reuther is not surprising to me, because as I have told you many times, you are the only one who can get big donations, and I heartily congratulate you.

Before you leave Kingston, please drop me a line giving me your Maryland address, after Aug 15.

Enclosed are some clippings that I thought you would be interested in reading.

Take it easy and have a good rest, because you certainly need it.

With my kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

R R Church

R. R. Church.

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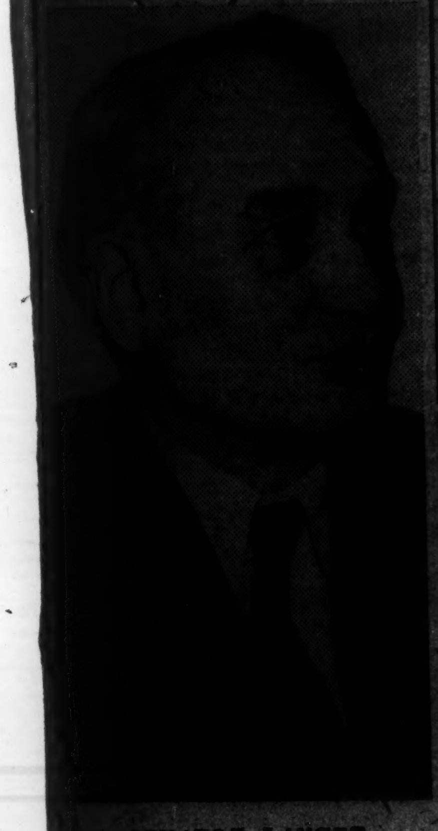
Langer Calls on Federal Unions Of AFL to Join Political League



SENATOR LANGER.
—A. P. Photo.

But Most Leaders Oppose Supporting National Drive

By Joseph Young

Chairman Langer of the Senate Civil Service Committee has asked the various AFL Government employes' unions to enlist the support of their more than 500,000 members in a drive to start a new national political organization, The Star learned today.

Senator Langer has appointed himself temporary chairman of a campaign to establish a national nonpartisan league, with the objective of capturing control of the Republican or Democratic Party Conventions and nominating the league's own choice for President or nominating their own candidate directly.

The North Dakota Republican conferred with the AFL officials 10 days ago in his office. He asked them to send to each of their members copies of an address he made several weeks ago entitled "Call to Action," in which he outlined his program. Also, Senator Langer asked that copies of a letter in which he blamed Congress for fail-

See LANGER, Page A-11.)

Langer

(Continued From First Page.)

ing to pass the civil service retirement bill be sent to the employes.

The union officials were noncommittal at the meeting with Senator Langer, but afterward they held a private meeting attended by officials of the AFL Government Employes' Council and the individual AFL employes' unions and most of them decided not to go along with the plan.

One postal group, however, tentatively decided to follow Senator Langer's request. Union officials now are reported undecided, however, and the union may change its mind.

The officials rejecting the request were afraid participation in the program might be a violation of the Hatch Act which forbids political activities by Federal employes.

Senator Langer contends it would not be a violation of the Hatch Act. He said he was asking them to do nothing which might violate the act. The officials were asked to send the copies of the speeches to their members and presumably the Federal employes involved would interest their friends and immediate relatives in the movement. In addition, although Federal workers couldn't participate actively in the nonpartisan league, some do have the right to vote, and many of the more than 2,000,000 Government workers live in politically strategic States.

Hundreds in Pivotal States.

For example, there are more than 100,000 Government workers each in New York State and California. There are also thousands of other Government workers concentrated in such pivotal States as Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio. If the families and relatives of Government workers are counted, the Federal vote runs anywhere from 6,000,000 to 8,000,000.

The fear that possible violation of the Hatch Act is only one of the reasons the majority of the union leaders were cool to the idea. They do not want to antagonize the Republican Party leadership in Congress by going along with Senator Langer.

On the other hand, the North Dakotan has been very friendly to Government employes as far as beneficial legislation in Congress is concerned—as a matter of fact some union officials consider him the "friendliest" legislator in Congress. They are fearful that refusal to go along with his plan might alienate him.

One union official confided that he and his colleagues are in "a terrible spot."

Give "Proper" Promise.

The union leaders have promised Senator Langer one thing, which they think is quite proper—whenever he appears in various sections of the country speaking on civil service matters, they will advise their memberships to attend the meetings.

Under Senator Langer's plan, the Government employes would only be one of a number of groups involved in the nonpartisan movement. Senator Langer has called on labor, the farmers, small business and other groups to join the program.

Senator Langer was elected to the Senate with the backing of the Nonpartisan League in North Dakota. The Senator's plan is to organize the league in the same way on a national basis.

Senator Langer has broken with the Republican Party leadership this year on a number of issues, including the tax-reduction bill, the Taft-Hartley labor bill and the Kem resolution to investigate the Kansas City vote frauds. On all of these measures, he voted with the Democratic members of the Senate.

Party Leadership Hit.

Last week, Senator Langer accused his party's leadership in the Senate with failing to support the Federal retirement bill, and called on all Government workers to vote the Democratic ticket next year.

Several days later, however, he called the AFL leaders to his office and outlined his nonpartisan league plan. Senator Langer particularly was anxious to win the support of the AFL postal groups, which always have been recognized as possessing considerable political influence "on the folks back home." For some reason or other, the CIO United Public Workers of America, and the National Federation of Federal Employes, the other major Federal employes' organizations, were not invited.

As outlined in his "Call to Action" speech, nonpartisan leagues will be formed on a Nation-wide basis, first on a precinct level. Then delegates will be selected to the various State conventions. These delegates will be chosen to attend a national convention next year.

Calls for Pledge Cards.

The Senator is asking the "millions of plain, everyday folks" to sign pledge cards "to fight the battle of the people" and to mail the cards to him at Washington. Each person is asked to write in the names of five other persons who might be interested in the program.

In his "Call to Action" program, Senator Langer said:

"You are simply calling a convention in an endeavor to have the people take control of one of the parties now existing. But if you find that the politicians are controlling the present political parties and that you cannot nominate a liberal friend of the people in one of these party conventions, then the national convention, made up, as I have before said, of your own delegates, representing you, will decide the course to take and which of the parties to support, and you can dominate that party which you choose, for you have the power because you have the votes.

"The international banker, the members of infamous cartels, the new war-made millionaires, all these disciples of greed and avarice are determined, by electing the next President of the United States, to gain a deadly strangle hold on the lives of the people.

"Alone, one of you suffering from injustices can do little. United, you can rule America as the Constitution intended the people should rule. The way to do that is by organization. You and not the politicians will decide whether patriotic lovers of America shall run this country."

Senator Langer always has been classified as a "liberal" in his voting on domestic issues. On international issues, however, he is a vigorous isolationist.

cc-Mr Holler
Mr McLaurin
Mr Randolph
Mr Schieffelin
Mr Holgham

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Feb 12
1947

Dr Allan K Chalmers
Broadway Tabernacle
211 West 56th St
New York, N Y

Dear Dr Chalmers:

In the absence of Phil Randolph, I am addressing you on a matter which I believe warrants prompt action and am sending him a copy of this communication. I refer to the need for a much closer integration of the various groups which must be relied upon for active support of the legislative program for a Federal Fair Employment Practice Act, if we are to realize the full possibilities in the situation as it has developed in the light of the recent conferences with Senate leaders.

As one who has been fairly close to the National Council activities for the past six months, I believe I can demonstrate that little progress has been made except as the first and most important legislative phase is concerned. I believe conditions are favorable for a revitalized program, in support of which it should be possible to obtain active participation by key individuals of state and national stature, reinforced by sufficient funds to enable the National Council to realize the magnificent possibilities of the present situation.

It is my recommendation that you designate a small special committee to study the make-up of the Board of Directors, as now constituted, and to determine what important organizations lack representation and what key individuals might be induced to join the Board; also to eliminate multiple representation of agencies and any members about whose whole-hearted support of the program there is any doubt.

I believe one other study should be made and that should deal with the committee set-up, which should be closely knit and fully coordinated and should revolve around a properly constituted Executive Committee created from the Board membership, reflecting whatever changes in membership have taken place since the committees now functioning were created.

I am so enthusiastic about the possibilities of progress that I believe a recasting of our present set-up will bring handsome returns in accomplishments, which can only be achieved by integrated, aggressive, enthusiastic, and cooperative organization.

With congratulations on what has been accomplished to date, and with personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

RS:ND

Roderick Stephens

cc-Mr Randolph ✓
Mr Milo Manley

NC-FEPC
Executive
Comm.

Feb 17
1947

Dr Allan K Chalmers
Broadway Tabernacle
211 West 56th St
New York, N Y

Dear Dr Chalmers;

I believe there is an important omission from the minutes of the Board meeting held on Feb 6th at your Church. It is my recollection that Senator Taft agreed to a fourth proposition, namely, that "he would do everything he could to induce a vote on the issue, even to the extent of supporting cloture, if needed."

This commitment seems, in effect, to validate the first three, and hence the correction should be made promptly for the information of those members of the Board who were not present and might have missed that item.

Sincerely yours,

Roderick Stephens

RS:MD

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March 31, 1947

To the Members of the Board of Directors:

Five months have been spent in drafting our new Fair Employment Bill and in reaching agreement with co-sponsors on a mutually satisfactory draft. The bill as introduced and as described in the enclosed memo and release was our Draft No. 5. This bill preserves the essential provisions for effective enforcement. At the same time it contains new provisions for education, conference and conciliation. These are additions to— not substitutes for— enforcement. As Senator Ives stated in introducing the bill, the final power of enforcement is necessary to give meaning to conciliation.

Because the new features of conciliation were stressed by the principal co-sponsors, Senators Ives and Chaves, (Pages 2822-3, Congressional Record, March 27, 1947) and in the press reports, and because Senator Ives stated that "this is not an FEPC bill," some stout friends of Fair Employment were at first alarmed, fearing that the bill's teeth had been pulled. This fear is groundless. Our bill still has teeth. And, equally important, enactment has been made more likely by the changes described in the accompanying memo.

As to the change of title to the "National Act Against Discrimination in Employment," which was insisted upon as a condition of broad bipartisan sponsorship, your Policy Committee felt that:

(a) the principle of Fair Employment and even the initials FEPC will continue to supply the driving force for enactment, and

(b) the rose of Fair Employment will smell as sweet by any name.

The Council has been operating with an extremely small budget and staff, pending introduction of our bill. It has not been possible to maintain the close, frequent communication with Council members which your officers would have liked to have had. Now that our bill has been introduced and a basis for a new campaign established, we propose to keep in close touch with members of the Board of Directors, and co-operating organizations. We hope you will approve our past efforts, which have been carried on under difficult circumstances, and that you will throw your full weight into the drive for enactment of the bill. At an early date, a meeting of the Board will be called to

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review past work, the Council's present status and to develop plans for the nationwide campaign for enactment of the bill by this Congress.

In the meantime, we solicit your comments, criticisms and suggestions.

Fraternally yours,

Allan Knight Chalmers

Allan Knight Chalmers, Co-Chairman

A. Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman

P. S. The enclosed News Flash is being sent to our entire writing list.

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May 5, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The sub-committee has set June 11, 12, and 13 for hearings on the FEPC bill. We are calling a meeting of the Policy Committee for Thursday, May 8th at 4 p.m., at the Broadway Tabernacle Church, 211 West 56th Street to make plans for the appearances of witnesses. This is most important and we trust you can be present.

Sincerely yours,

Allan Knight Chalmers

Allan Knight Chalmers

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ALLAN K CHALMERS/HAZEL ALVES.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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2556 Fifteenth Street
Washington 9, D. C.
May 19, 1947

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers
Broadway Tabernacle Church
211 West 56th Street
New York City 19

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nent FEPC will have owed its original staff salaries, loans, expenses, etc., for ONE YEAR. It's true that several puny payments have been made toward defraying this debt, but for some time now the "higher-ups" have not even bothered to reply to letters from former staff members and no indication has been made as to whether this money will ever be forthcoming. When I think how we have all been inconvenienced--and "inconvenienced" is a mild word for the experiences we've been through --by lack of funds I practically go berserk. And, on top of an apparent total disregard for our plight, the Council has employed two new people --both men and both at better salaries than any of the women who did the back-breaking groundwork ever got. I know, for instance, that Elmer Henderson is getting $6,000.00, but I don't know what Paul Sifton is receiving. I also know that one of the former employees who stayed on through the holocaust has been rewarded by a raise in pay.

These things do not set well with women who not only gave of themselves--their time and their energy--but who actually dug into their meager savings to keep the Council going during the dark period last spring. I say "women" advisedly because only women would have been foolish enough to put good money out after bad.

Frankly, I think the Executive Committee has relied too much upon our concern for this bill and I think we have kept quiet much too long. Pretty soon the whole thing will be forgotten--the debt will not have been paid and we will have no recourse. It is important to remember, however, that most of the members of the former staff are still in close touch with each other and are a loyal, closely knit team. We check with other members on the moves we make before we make them.

There is a strong rumor rampant at the moment that several members of that former staff are planning to picket Mr. Randolph's mass meeting which is being held here next Sunday, May 18th, and I think I can promise you that the wording on the placards will not be helpful to him or to the Council. We have several legitimate gripes and we've kept quiet about them too long. Also, we've had enough of the kind of treatment the Council puts out. It wouldn't make a very nice story for the general public to know that a complete staff of women was asked to resign, that back salaries, loans, etc., were not considered a solemn obligation to be met at any cost before new expenses were incurred, and that, regardless of ability or inability to meet this obligation, new people were added at rather generous salaries--and the new people have all been MEN. And this is the group which is working for a law to promote fair employment practices?!? Don't make me laugh!

This kind of thing falls on your shoulders because I know you're the only responsible person in the National Council. The others have proved time and again their utter disregard for human rights and their utter inability to act in a given situation unless someone--usually you--puts dynamite under them.

Sincerely yours

(Miss) Sidney Wilkinson

NC - FEPC
Tucson

December 11, 1947

Mr. F. R. Cheney
Elks Lodge
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Brother Cheney:

Just a word to say that it was a pleasure to see you again. I am glad to know of your progress in helping to build up the Elks. I hope you will help the Local Council for a Permanent FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Elmer W. Hender

217 W. 125 Street
New York 27, N.Y.

July 8, 1947

Rev. Cobb
Wabash and 43rd Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Rev. Cobb:

It was my intention to call you up while I was in Chicago pursuant to our brief conversation for the purpose of discussing with you plans to help further the fight for FEPC legislation now pending in Congress, but unforeseen developments required my leaving Chicago rather suddenly which prevented my seeing you.

I plan to be in Chicago on the 17 or 18th of July and will call you and come in and have a conference with you on this matter if convenient.

Trusting you are enjoying the best of health, I am

Very sincerely yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

NC-FEPC
Chicago Council

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Elmer W. Hen

217 W. 125 St.
NYC 27

August 5, 1947

Rev. Clarence Cobb
4415 South Wabash
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Rev. Cobb,

Just a word of remembrance and the hope you are enjoying the best of health.

I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting with you upon my return to Chicago pursuant to our conversation to discuss ways and means of raising funds for the fair employment practice bills now before Congress.

The Executive Secretary, National Council for a Permanent FEPC, Elmer W. Henderson may visit Chicago before I do. If he does I will have him call upon you to take up this matter. There is no question before the Negro today that is more important than FEPC legislation because it involves the bread and butter of a people who are required to fight, bleed and die for a country and they should have the right to work in it.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

December 22, 1947

Rev. Clarence Cobb
First Church of Deliverance
Wabash Avenue and 43 Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Rev. Cobb,

Just a word of remembrance and the hope you are enjoying the best of health. I have just returned from a trip down the Southeast which carried me as far as Miami, Fla, where it was of great interest to observe the conditions of our people. I mention this to you because I know you are interested in the life and living, work, struggles, housing, church and schooling of the masses of Negroes.

Now I am looking forward to our meeting in Chicago, January 18th. I hope it will enable us to raise considerable funds since we are greatly in need of the money to carry on our fight for the enactment of legislation for a permanent FEPC.

On behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, I want to express our deep and sincere appreciation for you fine spirit of cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC
NY Council

COPY

FROM:
NEW YORK COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC

August 22, 1947

Mr. Ben Davidson, Executive Director
Liberal Party
160 West 44th St.
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Ben:

I just returned from my vacation, which accounts for the delay in replying to your letter of August 2 regarding the omission of the Liberal Party as one of the organizations which sponsored the June 9 conference of the New York Council for FEPC.

I do not think we will have any further difficulty on this score, since it is my clear recollection that we agreed in the Executive Committee that the Liberal Party should be included. May I add that this is no more than fair, because of the outstanding support which the Liberal Party has been giving to the New York Council. Dan James, Mary Hoagland and, more recently, Walter Kirschenbaum, have been participating most actively in the work of the Executive Committee of the New York Council and are making an invaluable contribution to the cause in which we are all interested.

I think you should know how this misunderstanding arose. It is true that in the early days of the New York Council, a decision was reached not to include political parties as such. I was among those who felt that there might be some danger in having political parties and their clubs directly involved. However, as time went by, representatives of the Liberal Party made an ever greater contribution to our work, and the earlier decision was changed, so that now there will be no question about the inclusion of the Liberal Party as one of the actively participating organizations.

Since Messrs. Delson, Randolph, Mc Laurin, and James, and Miss Hoagland received copies of your letter, I am sending them a copy of this reply.

Personally, my best, as always.

Sincerely,

JC:CB

Jules Cohen, Chairman
Executive Committee

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE
COMMITTEE

CORRESPONDENCE

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1947

Room 5600
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

June 16, 1947

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Jamieson had to leave the city Friday and asked me to answer your letter of June tenth enclosing a suggested statement for Mr. Rockefeller to send to Senator Donnell's committee. Your telegram has just arrived also. The statement came after Mr. Rockefeller had already prepared the enclosed statement. This is probably now in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. Jamieson asked me to thank you very much for all your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Martha Dalrymple

Martha Dalrymple

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
930 F Street, NW
Washington 4, D.C.

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February 4, 1947

Mr. Day
Chairman, Nashville Council for a Permanent FEPC
c/o Nashville Globe
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Day:

I keenly regret that my brief stay in Nashville did not permit me to have a chat with you about FEPC. May I say that we are reforming our lines for a fight to get a bill for FEPC through the 80th Congress. You will be kept informed of developments, and I hope that the Nashville Council may do a good job in organizing sentiment and raising funds for a permanent FEPC.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

July 28, 1947

Mr. E. W. Day
403 Charlotte Street
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Day:

Just a word of remembrance and to express my great appreciation for your calling a group together for me to address in the interest of the FEPC and also for your consent to continue as Chairman. I am confident that the Nashville Council for a Permanent FEPC will make constructive progress.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ba

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 6, 1947

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Enclosed is Memorandum on [illegible].

Sincerely,

APR:ba
Enc.

A. Philip Randolph
International President

xc: FEPC
Gen

December 1946

MILO A. MANLY

Age - 43 Married - 1 child

Church Affiliation Central Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia,P

EDUCATION --

University of Pennsylvania Towne Scientific School
Graduate Work - Pennsylvania School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania

At present I hold a Fellowship in the Graduate School of State County and Municipal Government of the University of Pennsylvania. One-half of the work on the Fellowship has been completed.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND PARTICIPATION --

NAACP - Philadelphia Branch -
  Member of Executive Committee from 1939 to 1943
  Vice-President from 1941 until 1943. Resigned post because duties in President's Committee on FEPC kept me away from Philadelphia.
  While serving as an officer of NAACP, I drafted and installed an administrative system for the operation of the Branch.
  Organized Legal Committee and acted as Chairman.
  Served as member of Administrative Committee.
  Served on Sub-Committee of Administrative Committee set up to assist Executive Secretary in day to day administration of Branch business.

Member of Philadelphia Social Worker's Round Table Discussion Group

Served as consultant on community development to the Governor's Temporary Commission on Urban Affairs among Negroes (Pennsylvania)

Helped organize the Philadelphia Committee for Equal Job Opportunity which later became the Philadelphia unit of the original March on Washington Movement.

I was also very active with the social agencies of Pittsburgh during 1944 and 1945.

In 1945 the National Convocation of Free Catholics presented me with an award of the Grand Cross of Antioch for "his outstanding contribution to the promotion of good-will and understanding among the various social and religious agencies of greater Pittsburgh".

EXPERIENCE --

Note -- I worked either part time or full time all during the years that I attended high school and college, so that the dates of employment overlap with the dates of school attendance. --

Date Employer

1920 A. L. Manly (Father) Contractor
Title
Laborer

1924 Foreman
Duties; - Supervised gang of 10 workmen in general construction

1927 Superintendent
Duties; - Took over supervision of operations. Crew of 60 men. Took care of purchasing supplies, laying out work, keeping records, hiring employees, etc.

1931 The depression of 29 practically eliminated our type of work which was mainly maintenance, repair and remodeling, so that I obtained work with

1931 Employer
Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance
Title
Investigator
Duties; - Investigated need of applicants for public assistance

1933 Assistant Supervisor
Duties; - Trained and supervised 10 to 15 investigators

1936 Training Supervisor
Duties; - I devised and developed a new administrative system that was approved by the Pennsylvania Economy League and adopted by the State Department of Public Assistance. I was put in charge of installing the new system and

and teaching the entire Department personnel in its operation. Upon completion of the installation I was promoted to

District Supervisor
Duties; - Supervised the complete operation of a District office which serviced all of West Philadelphia. Staff consisted of 15 assistant supervisors and from 105 to 150 investigators and clerical workers. Budget varied from $55,000 to $75,000 per week. Work included cooperation with all social and religious organizations in city, and full participation in planning for civic, racial and economic improvement.

1940 Administrative Assistant to Executive Director
Duties; - Developed procedures of Administration for entire Department, budgetting, and development of Inservice Training program.

1940 Resigned to enter Army, but was invited to join the staff of FEPC and my Draft Board gave me a waiver.

1942 Employer
President's Committee on FEPC
Title
Examiner
Duties; - Investigated complaints of discrimination in employment and adjusted same whenever possible. Assisted employers in developing programs and techniques for the introduction of minority workers into plants and positions where white Gentile workers had been employed exclusively.

1944 Examiner-in-charge
Duties; - Supervisor of office covering Pittsburgh Big Steel area. In addition to handling individual complaints of discrimination, much time was spent in settling strikes precipitated by discriminatory actions. Development of community understanding and support, i. e., public relations including press & radio were part of the work. This required considerable public speaking and close cooperation with government and civic agencies.

1946 Employer
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
Title
Field Worker

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Comm

2/25/47

MEMO

TO MAX DELSON, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC

FROM MILO MANLY MM

Enclosed are salary checks as follows;

Milo Manly	$	148.97
Elise Hopson		100.45
Paul Sifton		214.20
Mildred Thompson		105.45
Hugh Holahan		419.90
	$	988.97

Balance in Amalgamated Bank as of 2/17/46	$	701.41
Amount needed to release salary checks		287.56
		988.97

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Checks sent to Arnold Aronson

COPY

June 5th, 1947.

Mr. Max Delson, Co-Chairman
N.Y. Council for a Permanent FEPC
270 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Delson:

I have just received several copies of the agenda for the conference in support of the national act against discrimination in employment to be held Monday evening June 9th at the Manhattan Center. I note a partial list of fourteen sponsoring organizations. I want to protest the fact that the Liberal Party was omitted from the list.

The Liberal Party has been most active in participation and in support of the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC. The same can be said for the many trade unions that are affiliated with the Liberal Party, which comprise an important source of assistance and support for the Permanent FEPC movement.

On the basis of its activity and support the Liberal Party sees no valid reason why its name should not be included in the partial list of sponsoring organizations. I see no reason why it should be discriminated against just because it is a liberal political organization that has consistently and with its full heart supported the principles of the FEPC.

I ask that in all future publications and communications where organizations are listed that the Liberal Party be included on the basis of fact and merit.

You also know that representatives of the Liberal Party havebbeen most active and constructive in the work of planning this conference.

I only hope that in the list of organisations mentioned, that all of them are as active in this campaign as the Liberal Party.

Sincerely yours,

BEN DAVIDSON
Executive Director

cc to William Worthy
Benjamin F. McLaurin

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ERNEST FLEISCHMAN
ROBERT S. RATNER

July 23rd, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing a clipping from the New York Times setting forth the industrial democrativ policy as practiced by the International Harvester Co.

May I suggest that we consider asking the President of this company to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Council. It may also be possible to secure a contribution from them.

Sincerely,

Max Delson
Max Delson

MD:RL
enc.

HARVESTER PLANTS PUSH 'DEMOCRACY'

Job Policy of Equality of Opportunity Covers Negroes in Hiring and Upgrading

Special to The New York Times.

CHICAGO, July [illegible]—Economic democracy as practiced in the twenty-three domestic plants of the International Harvester Company is based on a policy which includes but goes somewhat beyond the essentially negative principle of anti-discrimination. The keystone of the policy is equality of economic opportunity for all. The effects of its practice engender advances toward other equalities for minorities.

The policy and its practice were discussed today at the company's headquarters here by Miss Sara Southall, assistant director of personnel.

Application of the policy particularly concerns the employment, training and upgrading of Negroes.

The company [illegible] and [illegible] the country, employing [illegible] 90,000 persons [illegible] half a billion dollars of invested capital.

Ability as Worker Is Key

No percentages or other numerical indices are available on the rate of Negro employment or upgrading. This is because a Negro is regarded by the management as a foundryman, draftsman, mechanic, bookkeeper or stenographer—or a potential one—and is hired, trained or upgraded on that basis.

The cooperation of labor unions is regarded by Miss Southall as essential in putting into effective practice the company's non-discrimination policy.

"The basic philosophy behind the policy," Miss Southall said, "is that a man has a right to earn a living. The kind of living he earns should be what his own talents and abilities enable him to earn, and what his application and preparation entitle him to earn.

"We don't wish to crusade. We're not undertaking to establish social equality—a matter of community acceptance. We're not trying to set a record.

"We don't hire a man, or refuse to hire him, just because he's a Negro. He must take his turn on the basis of what he can do and what we need at the moment."

She declared that in the policy, management had the responsibility to educate its representatives at every level.

"If in such a highly charged field as this you force a thing before you've had time for the educational process, you may get headaches," she added.

Percentage Basis Avoided

In some plants, it was said, Negro employment runs as high as 15 to 20 per cent. In others it is on the order of 1 per cent. An increasing number of Negroes, through the normal processes of training and upgrading, hold managerial positions, technical or supervisory.

Miss Southall deprecated as ineffective policies based on hiring a percentage of Negroes equal to their proportional representation in their communities.

"It would seem nearer the objective," she said, "to hire on the basis of qualifications of applicants, and of the job openings available, which is unlikely ever to come out to such a nice balance. Upgrading should be on the same basis."

Miss Southall holds a degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and spent a number of years teaching in the South. She served with the War Manpower Commission and the Federal Fair Employment Practice Committee.

In her discussion today she noted that in one South central city, where the community pattern included segregation in the schools, an International Harvester plant opened [illegible] local Board of Education, she added, had since markedly improved the educational opportunities of Negroes.

She stressed that the plant management had in effect said to the board in a series of conferences: "You no longer need to take the position that there are not employment openings in this town for Negroes trained in office and technical work."

Other employers in the community, who had at first advised against the attempt to erase the line between jobs open and jobs closed to Negroes, had indicated an inclination to move in the same direction, she stated.

When International Harvester enters a new community, its plant adopts policies generally in consonance with community patterns, Miss Southall said. As an example, in a recent opening in a Southern city, she went on, the plant management was authorized to follow "the most advanced" pattern to be found there, which, it happened, was not the majority pattern.

The company's policy and its applications is continually discussed at all levels of management, including the very top level, Miss Southall said.

DISCUSSES JOB POLICY

Miss Sara Southall

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NC – FEPC
Nat'l Board [illegible]

July 28, 1947

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Thanks a lot for your letter of July 23rd with clipping on [illegible]. From the article it would appear that the [illegible] is president in the Worcester set-up. I agree with you that we ought to request him to become a member of our National Board of Directors. I will so advise Mr. [illegible].

No doubt Miss Sarah Southall who was a member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice has had something to do with this policy. I think your suggestion of having the president of this company serve on our Board is a good one.

Fraternally yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC - FEPC
NC Council

Copy

August 2nd, 1947.

Mr. Max Delson,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
New York Council for a Permanent FEPC

Mr. Jules Cohen,
Chairman of the Executive Committee,
New York Council for a Permanent FEPC

Gentlemen:

The Liberal Party has just received a copy of the minutes of the June 9th conference against discrimination in employment that was held in Manhattan Center. I notice that the Liberal Party was not listed "among the organizations represented".

Again I must protest the fact that the Liberal Party was omitted from the list. On June 5th, 1947, a protest was sent by the Liberal Party against the very same thing when copies of the agenda for the conference and the list of supporting organizations was sent out. That protest was addressed to Mr. Max Delson, at that time co-chairman of the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC, with copy sent to Mr. Malcurin and Mr. Worthy, who was executive secretary at the time. I am enclosing a copy of that letter which speaks for itself. I was assured by all three that this would not happen again and that it was wrong not to have included the Liberal Party in the list.

I just do not understand the procedure of those responsible for publishing the minutes. Here is a group dedicated to the fight against discrimination and yet, for peculiar and improper reasons, discriminates against a liberal political organization that has at all times given consistent, vigorous and wholehearted support to the fight against discrimination in employment.

The fact of the matter is that direct representatives of the Liberal Party were active in planning, preparing, and carrying through the conference and in the post-conference work. Mr. James was the chairman of the Nominations Committee. Mr. Kirschenbaum has been asked to be co-editor of the publication. Miss Hoagland has been asked to help take care of the work during the summertime. We mobilized fully both with regard to our county organizations and our affiliated trade unions for support of the FEPC conference. You may not be aware of the fact but it was originally my suggestion to Mr. James that Mr. Fosdick be contacted for possible chairmanship when the committee was considering names before the conference.

I will not enumerate all that we have done with regard to publicity, rallying organizations, pressing on Congress and on the Congressional Committee conducting the hearings and on every possible occasion with regard to this question. I do not think that our affiliated trade unions would approve what seems to be a deliberate omission of the Liberal Party in the partial list of sponsoring organizations.

At the conference an official city leader of another political party was nominated and elected as such. We did not object. We are confident that when it comes to activity on the question, our record will compare favorably with many of the organizations listed.

I would be loathe to raise this question officially in the organization and to contact other groups on this matter. We thought that the first official protest would have been taken note of and that there would be no further occasion for a protest on our part. I wish to hear from the chairman of the board of directors and the chairman of the executive committee on this question and I do hope that this will be the last time when this matter will have to be raised.

I am sending copies of this letter to Mr. Randolph, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Jones and Miss Hoagland.

Sincerely yours,

BEN DAVIDSON
Executive Director

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August 20th, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
c/o Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Phil:

I just received a letter from Lillian Poses in connection with some other matters, and the thought occurred to me that because of her interest in the F.E.P.C., and the fact that we will need all the good friends that we have, some consideration should be given to insure her closer cooperation with the work of the organization. Do you think it advisable that she be requested to be added to the Board of Directors?

If you think so, I suggest she be nominated at the next meeting of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Max Delson

Max Delson

MD:RL

Re — FEP
Exec. Com

August 25, 1947

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Max:

I agree with you that Lillian Poses because of her splendid work for FEPC should be placed on our Board of Directors. She ought to also be made a part of our Legal Committee. She has plenty brains; besides she is dedicated to the cause of minorities.

Sincerely,

APR:BB

Phil

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August 26, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
Room 301
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Phil:

I received your note re: Lillian Poses. Will you suggest her nomination to the Board of the FEPC?

I am enclosing an interesting editorial entitled "The American Negro is a National Resource" which appeared in the August 9th issue of the Saturday Evening Post. I think that it will be necessary to revive the Public Relations Committee which was set up at one time and not followed up too effectively by us. In this connection, it is possible that people from the Saturday Evening Post can be drawn into this work. Also, it may be well for you to arrange a conference with the head of the Curtis Publishing Company to discuss the whole problem of FEPC with them, including ways and means of raising additional funds for the work of the council.

I suggest that when you are in New York next that you let me know so that we can arrange a conference to discuss this and other matters affecting FEPC work more fully.

Sincerely,

Max

MAX DELSON

MD:rp
Enc.

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The American Negro is a National Resource

MAYBE it's time for white people to stop talking about the Negro exclusively as a problem, and start thinking in terms of his enormous achievement in the eighty-two years since the opening of the first Freedmen's Bureau.

The United Negro College Fund, speaking for thirty-three Negro institutions of higher learning, presents the extraordinary record: . . . 3200 Negro doctors . . . . 1400 dentists . . . 800 nurses . . . 1000 lawyers . . . 27,000 students of college grade . . . and many more thousands of trained teachers, journalists, social workers, clergymen, engineers, agricultural experts, writers, artists, musicians, bankers, merchants and businessmen.

Nearly 14,000,000 Negroes in the United States make up about one tenth of our population. By this measure the group needs many more professional people. But it is certainly in order at this time, looking back over a hard and dusty road, to take note of the immense progress made since the days when Fanny Kemble discovered it was a finable offense even to teach a slave to read.

Public authorities and private philanthropies, North and South, have helped, but by far the greatest share of the credit must go to the Negro himself. In its development, this country grew accustomed to seeing successive waves of immigrants—British, Irish, German, Central European, Italian and Russian in turn—come to the United States, and by making a secure and honored place for themselves make also a contribution to the general welfare.

The Negro is no recent immigrant. Here almost from the first, he is among our oldest inhabitants, our most ancient families. But what he has done and is doing for himself is like the success story of every other racial strain in the United States.

With this difference: If the rest of us started from scratch, he had to start far behind the line. In the most grinding poverty and under the almost hopeless handicap of unreasoning prejudice, millions of field hands and house servants built with their bare hands a better world for the generations that followed them. It is a record of tenacious courage and self-denial without a parallel in modern times.

The bewildered freedman of 1865, looking for his forty acres and a mule, swindled by carpetbaggers, helpless and homeless on the highways of the ruined South, has transformed himself into a solid citizen. Legend pictured him as improvident, lazy, shiftless and happy-go-lucky, but legend neglects to account for the stores, hotels, banks and insurance companies he has founded and managed for himself. It fails to explain his 200 magazines and newspapers or the $10,000,000,000 spent every year by Negro consumers. As Roland Hayes put it, he's a national resource.

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September 8, 1947

Mr. Max Delson
270 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August 28th with copy of Editorial in the Saturday Evening Post. I think your suggestions are good. When I am back in the city for a bit of time I will get in touch with you so that we can discuss this question.

Cordially,

APR:bs

Phil Randolph
International President

217 W. 125 St.
NYC (27)

April [illegible], 1947

Mr. John [illegible], Jr.
[illegible] McKinley Avenue
Los Angeles 11, Calif.

Dear Brother [illegible]:

[illegible] the Los Angeles Council for a Permanent FEPC. [illegible] [illegible] will be set by the Sub-Committee in [illegible] [illegible] by Senator Taft. We are doing everything possible to mobilize forces back of the fight. I need not tell you that we are greatly in need of funds and hope that the Los Angeles [illegible] will do its best to send in something as soon as possible. Even two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred will help.

I am awfully glad you were able to get Mrs. [illegible] to serve as Chairman. [illegible] with her [illegible]. [illegible] kindly remember me to the members and friends of the [illegible].

Sincerely yours,

APR:[illegible]

A. Philip Randolph
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PARTIAL LIST

May 17, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
President Brotherhood of
Sleeping Car Porters, A.F.L.
New York City, New York

Dear Phil:

First I must apologize for not having answered your letter. I can justify that by saing one is always ashamed to write his friends if a commitment has not been carried out.

The Council has finally organized its campaign of education and fund raising. Our leadership is sound and broad. All the qualifications that were laid down by you have been followed. We have employed a full-time field person by the name of Palmer H. Van Gundy, formerally employed by the Conference of Christians and Jews to do our full-time leg work. Jimmie Anderson, of the A.F.L. and myself, of the U.A.W., C.I.O. are working day and night on the unions and our prospects of being successful are very good. you know how tough it is to set machinery in motion, but once that is done production then begins to roll.

I can safely say that within the next five days we will be able to send a large contribution to your office. Thus far we have picked up a few hundred dollars which have served to get office equipment, etc. We have likewise put the Negro community in motion. Coalitions are being formed which puts the whole struggle of ours in the proper atmosphere and under the proper leadership. If only this alone is accomplished our efforts are justified.

For the first time in the history of California a non-Communist force, white and black, has been launched to sponsor a project. I must say, though, that all types of blocks are being thrown in our path, though unsuccessful.

As you see from the letter-head we have a permanent address, telephone, office girl, etc. Our project has been officially endorsed by the major organizations, and we have key individuals who have promised to make large donations within the few days. We have elected the officers as you desired and the stationery on which I write is only temporary -- as you see the secretary and treasurer is left off.

We are planning to call a mass meeting during the later part of June and have area mass meetings scheduled within two weeks. For example, the Negro section (Central Avenue area); Jewish and Mexican area, (Boyle Heights); and the Oriental area, (Bronsville).

You can look forward to a follow-up letter as well as a check within the week.

I hope you will forgive me for introducing a entirely new subject at this point, but realizing that you are a busy man and I am taking advantage of you.

As you know we have a fairly well organized Labor Committee here in our local N.A.A.C.P. We are attempting to expand as you see indicated in my letter to president Griffith, of our local branch.

Brother Anderson and I are looking forward to seeing you at the N.A.A.C.P. Convention. We have in our minds a blue pring as to stregthening and making more effective this department. We think this committee can eventually mean to our people what the Jewish Labor Committee means to Jews. All ready, to some degree, our committee has become the center in the labor movement here, around which the Negro rank and file are looking to. We are attempting to solve many of the problems in both A.F.L. and C.I.O. and to do labor education. However, I must say, that even our well-meaning conservative forces are to some degree opposed to this. We feel, though, that in time and by working together we can overcome this attitude.

We are actively participating in the membership drive and have set as our goal 5,000 members from the ranks of A.F.L. and C.I.O.-- the Branch quota is 25,000. Your union is doing a good job in the overall picture here. For the first time we are working together, thanks to the F.E.P.C. Council and the N.A.A.C.P. Labor Department.

We would like to know if it is possible to set our F.E.P.C. hearing in the neighborhood of the N.A.A.C.P. Convention. If this happened we would probably have a chance to attend both, thus giving us a chance to go over our program with you.

Again I must apologize for the delay in answering.

Fraternally yours,

John H Dial Jr.

John H. Dial, Jr.,
Secretary, Los Angeles
Chapter, F.E.P.C.

Note: Please answer to my home address, 4309 McKinley Avenue

May 19, 1947

Thomas L. Griffith, Jr., Esq.
President Los Angeles Branch NAACP
1105 East Vernon Avenue
Los Angeles 11, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

In the recent past sister Allen and I discussed with you the possibility of expanding our committee as our committee had instructed us to do. You agreed with us as to the importance of having broad representation if we are to achieve our objectives.

Due to the tremendous amount of unemployment facing our people, we find it necessary to request the expansion as soon as possible. As you know employment has become a serious threat amoung Negroes; therefore, it is important to get top labor leaders here in the area working with us if we are to solve this problem.

The committee, after legnthy discussion, has unanimously selected the following personnel for our committee and are submitting same to you as was suggested:

1. Mr. Robert W. Gilbert, Lawyer for the Central Labor Council, A.F.L. -- Mr. Gilbert has worked both as a student in the University of California and as a labor consultant in the field of race relations.

2. Mr. George Hardee, Building Service, A.F.L. This is one of the key areas in which Negroes are and can be employed. The race tracks, the down town buildings, as well as certain phases of the construction industry are under his jurisdiction. We feel that Mr. Hardee could make a tremendus contribution to our committee

3. Miss Susan Adams, Executive Council, A.F.L., -- Miss Adams works in the clothing fieled. The manufactoring of clothing as well as selling is her jurisdiction. She can be instrumental in getting many more Negroes in the down town factories.

4. Mr. John Despol, United Steel Workers, C.I.O.--Mr. Despol is a labor relations consultant and does all of the contract negotiations for the thousands of steel workers here on the west coast. Such items as non-discriminatory clauses in contracts as well as higher upgrading of steel and foundry workers will be his contribution.

5. Mr. Philip Lerman, United Automobile Workers, C.I.O. --Mr. Lerman does the educational work for the 40,000 Auto workers here on the coast and is doing a very good job of teaching white workers the importance of giving the Negro workers an even break.

   Kiser and Frazier, Nash Kelvinator, Lincoln Murcary, and many other automobile factories are being contacted in our area now. Our job is to get Negroes in each of these factories. Mr. Lerman under the leadership of Regional Director Mr. O'Hallarin, is helping us in that regard.

6. Miss Griselda Kuhlman, Clothing Workers, C.I.O. -- Miss Kuhlman is the organizer in the down town stores as well as clothing factories for the C.I.O. She can be of great assistance to us.

President Griffith, both sister Allen, A.F.L., our chairman, as well as myself who is from the C.I.O., are looking forward to the development of an effective, well organized labor department here in our Association.

Fraternally yours,

John H. Dial, Jr.,
Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.
Labor Committee

May 19, 1947

Mr. Clarence Mitchell
Labor Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am sure that a report to you from our activities here on the coast is past due; consequently, I felt that I should give you a brief indication as to our progress.

Since the meeting here with you and since the Regional Conference, we have constantly held bi-monthly meetings of our committee. As you realize it has taken us some time to learn to work together as a group, due to the fact that our committee cuts across many trade union lines. I must say, though, that as a member of the United Automobile C.I.O. and as secretary of the committee, I feel that we have made tremendous progress and have laid out a very ambitious program.

We thought that the first step in the organization of our Branch Labor Department was to be able to develop a working relationship among our Negro bretheren, that you saw while here, and then to intergrate some of the white trade union leadership within our ranks.

As you can see from the enclosed copy of the communication that I am sending our president, we are now attempting to broaden our committee so as to be able to do a more effective job. As I am sure you realize the coast is one of the tough spots as far as employment of Negroes is concern, due to the mass imigration during the war.

The Owl Drug Stores, a chain drug concern here on the coast, hired Negro girls as fountain employees for the first time during the war and are now attempting to dismiss them. We have set up a sub-committee

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to tackle this problem. In addition the following sub-committees have been set up: A sub-committee working in one of the major industrial areas trying to place Negro employees in the grocery concerns in the west-side industrial area; a sub-committee working on anti-labor legislation , looking forward to the calling of a mass meeting around same; a sub-committee working on trade union education, looking forward to the day when we will be able to offer classes in Labor Relations, etc.; a sub-committee raising funds and doing educational work for the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.. These are only a few of the projects that we have thus far undertaken to do.

I must apologize, brother Mitchell, for not having communicated bi-monthly with you so far as to keep you informed as to our projects and progress. All I can say is that I have been too busy and our office staff has been overworked. However, I do promise in the future to send you a copy of our bi-monthly minutes.

Our committee is seriously thinking of ways and means whereby the Labor Department's program can be expanded and we will get our recommendations in your office prior to the National Convention. We had a dinner for brother A. Philip Randolph while he was here on the coast and briefly discussed some of these items with him.

It is our desire to get some of our Labor Committee personnel to the National Convention to follow through on this matter. James Anderson and I are contemplating same.

The Labor Committee is likewise actively participating in the Branch membership campaign. We have set as our goal 5,000 members from the ranks of organized labor. Both the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. have pledged support to the drive and we have captains in most of the local unions of both organizations. The president of the C.I.O. Council, A. T. Lunceford, is our honorary C.I.O. chairman.

I hope that you are able to get support from the California Congressmen in the fight against anti-labor legislations.

Fraternally yours,

John H. Dial, Jr.,
Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.
Labor Committee

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NC-[illegible]
Los Angeles Council

May [illegible], 1947

Mr. John [illegible] Dial, Jr.
Los Angeles Council for a Permanent FEPC
[illegible] McKinley Avenue
Los Angeles, 11, Calif.

Dear John:

Thanks a lot for your letter of May 19th giving me the picture of the work being done to develop the Los Angeles Council for a Permanent FEPC. I want to congratulate all of the members of the group who got the Council going and are carrying it forward. I was confident that Los Angeles would build a dynamic Council. You and Jimmy stuck to the job and kept pushing it and I felt that the people would eventually rally around the movement.

Relative to setting the hearing of the FEPC in the neighborhood of the NAACP Convention may I say that I think they will be held in one of the rooms of the Senate Office Building. I don't know how far this will be from the place the NAACP will hold its convention but I don't think it will be too far. I shall look forward to seeing you in Washington at the NAACP Convention although I won't be able to remain at the convention long.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hc

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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CABLE ADDRESS
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March 1, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125 Street
New York, New York

Dear Phil:

I have just heard the distressing news that our Administrative Committee instead of carrying out its mandate of having an Executive Director, has concocted the inspired scheme of borrowing Roy Wilkins from the NAACP.

I need not remind you of the scheme hatched last year by the NAACP to "take over" which was only thwarted because they did not dare buck you at that time. You well know my views as to the NAACP. I have not changed nor has the NAACP.

In the first place, I doubt their ultimate sincerity in any cause - I believe that they do not want any real legislation passed, but will use the FEPC issue, as they have the anti-lynching issue merely to entrench themselves and as an easy vehicle for raising money. Secondly, the NAACP has become infiltrated with outright Communists and fellow travellers. This is a kiss of death for any movement and will become increasingly more so in this country as the governmental forces tighten on them. The Commies control many of their largest branches, including the D. C. Branch. Thirdly, the NAACP has always used the camel-in-the-tent technique - they first stick their heads in - then inch by inch they force the Arab out.

I regard this present move as merely the opening wedge which we should avoid as we would the plague. Most of your friends are devoted to the cause of the National Council because of their absolute faith in you and your integrity. To acquiesce in the projected loan from the NAACP of Roy Wilkins would be accepting a Trojan horse. To this I cannot assent.

I believe that some colored person should be selected at once for the post of Executive Director and thereby break the strangle hold which the Aronson-Minkoff-Dalson crowd has on the Council.

There is also a serious question in my mind whether Sifton is worth to the Council what we are paying him. Our mutual friend, Bob Church, has told me that influence to date on the Hill has been exactly nil. I am sure also that you will agree that our financial wizzard is a flop.

I thought that I should write you thus at length because of the importance of the issues herein discussed in relation to what I know is your ultimate goal.

With every good wish and my very warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Thurman L Dodson

Thurman L. Dodson

NC-FEPC
Executive Com

March 18, 1947

Mr. Thurman L. Dodson
507 E Street, N. W.
Judiciary Square
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ted,

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 1st. I can understand your apprehensions. We are in agreement fundamentally. Every effort will be made to keep the National Council for a Permanent FEPC in tact and independent.

Unfortunately I have to spend some time out of the city working on plans for the revision of about forty railroad contracts we control, but I think we will be able to manage to carry on even if someone comes in from the NAACP. I hope you will as advised Bob.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Dec. 24, 1947.

Mr. Thurman L. Dodson,
3731 Jay Street N.E.
Washington 19, D C

Dear Mr. Dodson:

As a new member of the Board of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC I feel some responsibility for operations that will bring the maximum effectiveness to bear on the campaign for enactment of the Bill in 1948. I therefore offer a few observations to you as a member of the committee named to make recommendations regarding the operation of the Washington office.

First, it seems to me that the most important angle is the work Mr. Church is able to do in bringing about a major policy decision by Republican leaders in both Houses that the Bill must move through to enactment in 1948. That work should be given every assistance and in ways that are most satisfactory and helpful to Mr. Church. Either he should be in position to call the signals or he should have contacts in the Council's offices here in whom he has complete confidence and who can co-operate quickly on the basis of mutual understanding and confidence. This condition does not now exist.

Second, to give deapth, breadth and force to action on the Hill, Mr. Church and the Council need, as of now, the strongest possible field mobilization of militant demand for action. This mobilization should be nationwide. At the least, it must be developed in key doubtfyl areas, such as Massachusetts, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania. The next 60 days are crucial; the next 30 are most important; if the GOP is not given a sound political reason for deciding the Bill must be passed, and if it is not given by March 1, at the very latest, there will be plenty of alibis for inaction or a fake effort.

The committee appointed Dec. 15 by Mr. Randolph and chaired by Bob Oliver has worked out a good plan, but it requires strong follow-through by the Council staff under a direction that has imagination, drive and ingenuity. All of this should be done in current clearance with Mr. Church. At present, this is not feasible.

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Third, the present Executive Secretary began work under severe handicaps. He lacked funds. He faced pressing debts. He lacked the close, current co-operation of the Council officers and committee members. He lacked their knowledge, leadership and supervision. In my opinion, much of the Council's troubles are caused by the fact that, with the exception of Arnold Aronson, no one outside the paid staff has given close day-to-day concern to the Council's affairs. With the exception of Mr. Aronson, officers and members of committees have left Council planning and operations largely to the paid staff. (On occasion, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Minkoff and Mr. Weaver have given emergency aid in raising funds. Top officers and representatives have, of course, been decisive in interviews with Congressional leaders.)

Fourth, under the circumstances described above, an Executive Secretary might have proceeded on a bold, imaginative, high level of operation, devoting himself to raising funds and to sparking the organization and mobilization drives. This I think the present Executive Secretary has done to the best of his talents, experience and ability. To say that the results have not been adequate, and that future operations do not promise to develop the high voltage required, is not to criticize the Executive Secretary as much as to criticize the Board for selecting and retaining him beyond the initial temporary periods, and particularly for not giving him the strong supervision and leadership that might have instructed and inspired him to achieve better results.

If now it is thought that success of the Council's efforts in 1948 requires a re-organization that might call for having Mr. Manly as the liaison between Mr. Church, the Washington office, co-operating organizations and the field, and for a public relations persons to work under the supervision of Messrs. Church and Manly (and Mr. Aronson in Washington two days a week for the Executive and Policy Committees), it seems to me that the present Executive Secretary should not be expected to bear the brunt of the change alone. The Board, which made the initial error in engaging him for an unsuitable job and later continued his employment beyond the temporary period, should find a post for him within the Council's field or elsewhere which would not involve substantial loss of income or standing.

As a general suggestion, may I repeat a proposal that I have made many times: Frequent financial statements should be made to the Committees and to the full Board. Every such statement should be set up to show, at the very beginning, these line items:

Budget (to June 1, 1948 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$
On hand $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$
Deficit (for periods ending June 1, 1948) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$

Again and again I have seen Board members relax on hearing that the Council is "in the black" when, by any standard of planning, budgeting and operation, it was at least $50,000 in the red. No operation of the scale the cause requires and merits can be executed until the Council gets above such a hand-to-mouth standard as the Board and Committees have accepted in the past. If fair employment will increase incomes of some twenty million people by six to ten billion dollars a year, the drive to get it is certainly worth several times the

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NcFEPC

May 29, 1947

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dave:

Preparations are under way to hold our trade union luncheon, of A. F. of L. unions in New York, June 12th. The call for this luncheon is signed by yourself, Matthew Woll, James Quinn and myself. To the end that this luncheon may be made a success may I request you to advise the locals in the ILGWU to send delegates to the luncheon. I will appreciate this immensely.

Fraternally yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

May 28, 1947

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
The International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Just a word of remembrance and to hope that you are well and feeling fine. I want to inform you that I had a splendid conference with John L. Lewis in Washington, Sunday, May 25, on the FEPC bills in Congress. I told him of the big financial burden we have in trying to raise funds to get this epoch-making piece of legislation enacted, and we needed and wanted his help. He asked how much did I think the miners ought to give. I told him I thought they should give $10,000. He said that the miners had plenty of trouble and financial obligations, but they were for this legislation and would do their part. He asked me to write him a letter, and when his Board meets around the 3rd or 4th of June, they would take some action on it.

I advised him that I wanted to be able to announce his contribution at the trade union luncheon of the A.F. of L. unions, which will be held in New York, June 12th, as the result of a call signed by yourself, Matthew Woll, Jim Quinn and myself. I hope we may be able to announce the contribution by the ILGWU at that luncheon, since I think it will be the key to the solution of our financial problems in the fight for FEPC legislation which looms bigger and bigger from the point of view of its great importance to American democracy. Won't you let me know if we may expect to announce a contribution from you with a letter?

Matthew Woll and Jim Quinn and myself are trying to get as many organizations to assure us of contributions as we can, so that we may be able to announce them at the conference.

Fraternally yours,

APR:[illegible]

A. Philip Randolph

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1710 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 19, N.Y.

DAVID DUBINSKY,
President

June 6, 1947.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 West 125 Street,
New York City 27.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Because of our convention which opens in less than two weeks and my very limited time, I cannot get our local managers together or make a definite commitment regarding a contribution to be announced next week at the trade union luncheon.

You may, however, state that the ILGWU never was a problem in this matter and will not be one this time either. I will be unable to take this matter up with our people until after our convention.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

David Dubinsky
David Dubinsky

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New York

June 10, 1947

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Brother Dubinsky:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 6th informing me that you cannot get the local managers to make a definite commitment regarding contributions to be announced at the June 18th Trade Union luncheon but that the ILGWU has not been and will not be a problem in this connection and that you will take this matter up after the convention. I assure you I appreciate this immensely.

Now in checking my meetings in Toronto I find that I have an Agreement Conference in connection with the revising of our agreement with the Canadian Pacific on June 20th, and hence cannot get to Cleveland until June 22nd. I hope this date will be convenient and I am looking forward with great pleasure to sharing in the fine fellowship spirit of your great organization.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ha

May 1, 1947

Miss [illegible]
Local 62, ILGWU
[illegible] Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss [illegible]:

Bill [illegible] has told me that you have given the [illegible] a great lift by [illegible] several [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] have been [illegible] through with flying colors and it is heartening to see that we can still count on you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Contribution

March 17, 1947

Mr. Martin Feldman
Plastic & Novelty Workers Union
Local 132, ILGWU
[illegible] Broadway
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Brother Feldman:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of $10 to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative fight and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC
Denver

217 W. 125 St.,
NYC (27)

April 30, 1947

Mrs. Thelma Freeman
3057 Ogden Street
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Freeman:

Just a word to say that I tried to get in touch with you while I was in Denver but every time I called you were out. I talked with Brother Elsner concerning the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC. A small meeting was held at the Y for the purpose of reactivizing or reorganizing the Council. It was generally agreed that we should have a white co-chairman with the colored co-chairman and the treasurer should be chosen and the secretary to remain as is, namely yourself.

Mr. Holmes was named as Chairman of the Planning Committee to go about rebuilding the Denver Council so that a vigorous campaign can be made there to build sentiment and raise funds for the fight.

The new Executive Director is Mr. Elmer Henderson. You may secure copies of bills and literature from him at 930 F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Kindly remember me to Brother Freeman.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:ba

Mrs. Thelma
Freeman

Ta. 2745

2067 Ogden

Contribution

March 17, 194[illegible]

Mr. L. Friedman
Business [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], Stitchers & Finishers Union
Local [illegible], ILGWU
[illegible] West [illegible] Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Friedman:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of $[illegible] to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative fight and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Elmer W. Henderson

217 W. 125 St.
New York, N. Y. (27)

August 6, 1947

Mr. Truman Gibson, Jr.
Liberty Life Building
3508 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Friend Gibson:

Just a word to say that I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you upon my return to Chicago for the purpose of talking over ways and means of developing moral and financial support in Chicago for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, the organization which is carrying the ball for the enactment of a fair employment practice legislation in Congress through Bills S 984 and H.R. 2824. Because of the vicious and violent attacks on this legislation by men like Rankin of Mississippi and Ellender of Louisiana, Negroes must mobilise all of their forces to secure the enactment of these bills.

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Executive Director of our National Council for a Permanent FEPC may visit Chicago before I do. If he does, I will have him call on you to secure your support in setting up a Chicago Local Council to raise funds for this legislation.

This issue is vital. It is a bread and butter question. The people who are required to fight, bleed and die for a country ought to have a right to live in it. But the people cannot live unless they work and they cannot work if discrimination, racial and religious blocks them.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Mr. James Knight
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Chicago, Illinois

Mr. A. W. Williams
4719 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Nc-FEPC
Chicago

December 4, 1947

Mr. Truman K. Gibson, Jr.
[illegible] South Parkway
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Truman:

Just a word to thank you for the fine work you did in making the luncheon for FEPC at Morris' Restaurant a success. I talked with Rev. Cobbs while there and he agreed to help us raise some funds for FEPC. We are planning on the date of January 19th. I have talked it over with Elmer Henderson, and no doubt he will keep you informed of the plans.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

NC FEPC
Los Angeles
Council

First Proposed Draft
August 11, 1947

Los Angeles Chapter
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT
FEPC

A PROPOSED MUNICIPAL FEPC ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Explanatory Note:

A recent article in the Yale Law Journal of February, 1947 quite correctly explains:

> "A municipal ordinance directed at employment discrimination should **not** be considered merely as a substitute for a state law, but as supplementing the state law just as the latter would complement the proposed federal law. The possibility of concerted action on all levels of government offers real hope that legislation can eliminate discrimination."

The states of New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts adopted FEPC legislation during 1945-46. In August, 1945, the City of Chicago became the first city to adopt a municipal FEPC ordinance. In January, 1947 the first municipal Fair Employment Practice Commission was established by the Minneapolis City Council, adding administrative enforcement machinery to the pattern established by other cities which made employment discrimination a crime but left enforcement to the regular city prosecutor.

The following proposed ordinance for Los Angeles is based upon the main features of S.984, the Ives-Chavez bill; the Minneapolis ordinance; the Ives-Quinn Law of New York State; and other outstanding examples of legislation against discrimination in employment, with due regard for local law.

We believe it merits the unqualified support of all segments of the community favoring the principles of Fair Employment Practice legislation.

Robert W. Gilbert
Co-Chairman
Executive Committee

ORDINANCE NO.______________

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR ANCESTRY: CREATING A COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; PRESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY:

The City Council hereby finds, determines and declares that---

(a) The population of the City of Los Angeles is composed of peoples of many diverse racial, religious, and language groups;

(b) Discrimination in public and private employment against properly qualified persons because of their race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry, with consequent arbitrary denial of job opportunities to large groups of inhabitants of this City, foments strife, creates unrest, disturbances, disorders and group tensions, and substantially and adversely affects the public health, welfare and safety of the people of the City of Los Angeles;

(c) Such job discrimination tends unjustly to condemn large groups of inhabitants of the City to depressed living conditions, which breed vice, ignorance, disease, degenration, juvenile delinquency and crime, thereby causing grave injury to the public safety and general welfare of the people of this City, and endangering the public health thereof;

(d) Such job discrimination and the resulting inimicable effects on the community and the inhabitants thereof tend to impose substantial financial burdens on the public revenues for the relief and amelioration of conditions so created;

(e) Experience has proved that legislative enactment prohibiting such job discrimination removes some of the sources of strife, unrest, poverty, disease, juvenile delinquency and crime, and would directly promote the public health, welfare and safety of this City;

(f) The right of every inhabitant of this City to job opportunities and employment without discrimination because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right;

(g) This Ordinance shall be deemed to be an exercise of the police power of this City, for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Los Angeles to protect the right recognized and declared in subsection (f) hereof, and to eliminate all such discrimination to the fullest extent permitted under the police power of this City. This Ordinance shall be construed to effectuate such policy.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS:

(a) The word "discriminates" or "discrimination" wherever used in this Ordinance is hereby defined and declare to mean and include discrimination on the ground or because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry.

(b) The word "employee" wherever used in this Ordinance is hereby defined and declared not to include any individual employed in the domestic service of any person, or any individual employed by any religious, charitable, fraternal, social, educational or sectarian corporation or association, not organized for private profit.

(c) The word "employer" wherever used in this Ordinance is hereby defined and declared to include any person having in his employ two (2) or more employees within the City of Los Angeles; and any person acting in the interest of an employer, directly or indirectly.

(d) The word "person" is hereby defined and declared to include one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, legal representatives, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, or any organized group of persons.

(e) The word "labor organization" is hereby defined and declared to mean and include any organization, having two (2) or more members employed by an employer or employers, which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining or of dealing with employers concerning grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or for other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment.

(f) The word "Commission" means the municipal Commission against Discrimination in Employment created by this Ordinance.

Section 3. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES DEFINED:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any head of a department, official, or agent or employee of the City of Los Angeles, or of any department thereof, acting for or on behalf of the City, in any matter involving employment by said City, to discriminate against any person other-wise qualified in employment or in tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment; or to discriminate in hiring, discharging, promoting or increasing compensation; or to publish offers of or to offer employment based upon such discrimination; or to adopt or enforce any rule or employment policy which discriminates between employees or prospective employees; or to seek information relative to race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry from any person or any employee, as a condition of employment, tenure, terms, or in connection with conditions of employment, promotion or increase in compensation; or to discriminate in the selection of personnel for training.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any employer within said City to discriminate against any person in connection with any hiring, application for employment, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any labor organization within said City to discriminate against any person with respect to membership in said labor organization so as to deprive such person of employment opportunities or limit his employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his wages, hours, or other employment conditions, because of such person's race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, expel, or otherwise discriminate against any person because he has opposed any unlawful employment practice or has filed a complaint, testified, participated or assisted in any proceeding under this Ordinance.

(e) The City of Los Angeles and all of its contracting agencies and departments thereof shall include in all contracts hereafter negotiated a provision obligating the contractor not to engage in any unlawful employment practice prohibited hereby, and particularly not to discriminate against any employee of or applicant for employment with such contractor, and further shall require such contractor to include a similar provision in all sub-contracts.

Section 4. THE COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:

There is hereby created a permanent Commission against Discrimination in Employment, which shall consist of a chairman and six (6) other members, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. The first chairman shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years; two (2) of the original members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years; tow (2) for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) for a term of one (1) year. Each of said appointees shall serve for his respective term and until his respective successor has been appointed and confirmed and has assumed office. After the expiration of the initial terms of the original members, each of the members shall be appointed and shall serve for a four (4) year term, and until his respective successor has been appointed and confirmed, and has assumed office. The members shall serve without compensation, except that they shall receive such necessary expenses as the City Council may by resolution provide. Said Commission shall be charged with the duties of:

(a) Effectuating the purposes and policies of this Ordinance;

(b) Receiving complaints of violations of this Ordinance and investigating into the merits thereof.

(c) Promoting cooperation among all groups for the purpose of effectuating the purposes and policies of this Ordinance;

(d) Conducting studies, surveys, and projects disseminating information concerning job discrimination and related problems;

(e) Aiding in the enforcement of this Ordinance;

(f) Making reports of its activities to the City Council annually, or more often as requested by said City Council.

The Commission shall hear all complaints on alleged violations, and shall endeavor to eliminate any unlawful employment practice found to exist by informal methods of conference, concilliation, and persuasion. Nothing said or done during such endeavors shall be used as evidence in any subsequent proceeding. If the Commission fails to effect the elimination of any practice which in the judgment of said Commission is deemed to be a violation of this Ordinance, it shall certify and recommend to the City Attorney for prosecution the complaint relating to such practice.

Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to limit the right of a complaint to make and file a complaint without certificate or recommendation by said Commission.

Section 5. PENALTIES:

Any person, whether acting in an official capacity, or in a private capacity, who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $500, or by imprisionment in the City Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisionment.

Section 6. SEPARABILITY:

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provisions to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that is would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any portion thereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance may be cited as the "Los Angeles Ordinance against Discrimination in Employment" and shall become effective ______ days after publication.

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August 28, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman National Council
For A Permanent FEPC
217 West 125th Street - Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

The members of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Chapter were delighted to learn from Brother James Anderson that you will be able to honor us with your presence following the conclusion of the October convention of the American Federation of Labor in San Francisco, and are willing to serve as principal speaker at the meetings to be arranged locally for that time in support of the National Council and Senate Bill 984.

The Executive Committee members felt that we would be in a better position to do justice to your visit from the standpoint of publicizing the cause of FEPC should you find it convenient to arrive in Los Angeles by Saturday, October 18th. While we plan to hold our formal dinner and meeting on Sunday the 19th the opportunities for press and interviews and radio broadcasts in connection with your appearance here would be greatly enhanced if it were possible for you to be in Los Angeles on Saturday.

In any event we shall look forward to hearing from you concerning your contemplated schedule for this forthcoming trip to California. With kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Robert W. Gilbert

ROBERT W. GILBERT

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WRITE OR TELEGRAPH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT
SENATE BILL 984 AND COMPANION BILLS IN THE HOUSE

xc-FEPC
Los Angeles

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Elmer W. Henderson

217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

September 5, 1947

Mr. Robert W. Gilbert
Los Angeles Chapter-NC-FEPC
325 Wilcox Building
206 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

Dear Brother Gilbert:

In reply to your letter of August 29th requesting that I arrive in Los Angeles, Saturday, October 18th for meeting for FEPC, may I say I will be glad to do so. Kindly remember me to your splendid committee and may you keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

APR:ba

A. Philip Randolph
International President

217 W. 125 St.
N.Y.C. (27)

January 3, 1947

Mr. Lester B. Granger
Executive Secretary
National Urban League
1133 Broadway
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Lester:

Thanks a lot for your letter of December 19th advising that the Urban League will be represented on our Policy Committee and Administrative Committee by yourself and Julius Thomas. I assure you that the members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC appreciate this immensely.

I note your observations about your reservations on the original strategy outlined by the National Council for the passage of the FEPC legislation, and your desire to have them discussed by the Policy Committee. Be assured that the Policy Committee will welcome any opinions you may have concerning the strategy of the Council and will be glad to discuss them because we are aware that we can constantly improve our strategy.

Now I want to request that you or Julius sit on the National Board of Directors when it meets from time to time. All of the other organizations are represented on the National Board of Directors since it represents the final authority of the Council.

With cordial good wishes and the seasons greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Phil:

I have discussed with our Executive Board and Executive Staff your invitation to the National Urban League to be represented on the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. Opinion is strong that although our representation imposes a considerable additional burden upon our already hard-pressed facilities, your Council's program is too important for us not to make every effort to serve. Thus, I am accepting for myself membership on the Policy Committee, and for Julius Thomas, membership on the Administrative Committee.

In accepting, I wish to make it clear that I have serious reservations about the original strategy outlined by the National Council for passage of Fair Employment Practice Legislation. I have been careful not to publicize these reservations because once your Council established its line of action, it was necessary publicly either to support that strategy or to give encouragement to the opposition.

I do feel, however, that in the interests of frankness and close understanding, I should take advantage of the first opportunity to describe my reservations and have them discussed by the Policy Committee. With this understanding, please consider me as enlisting for service. I hope that the majority of your meetings will come at a time when I am in New York and otherwise available for attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Lester B. Granger,
Executive Secretary.

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NY Council

April [illegible], 1947

Mr. Herbert [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] Workers, AFL
[illegible] Street
Brooklyn [illegible], N. Y.

Dear Brother [illegible]:

On Friday evening, May 9th at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Avenue and 142nd Street, the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC is sponsoring a benefit dance and [illegible]. Proceeds will be used to finance the legislative fight in Congress and to oppose any filibuster.

Tickets at $1 each entitle holders not only to admission to the dance, but also to a chance for a [illegible] car or a mink coat. A book of 12 chances sells for $10. Because of the interest of your union in FEPC legislation, we thought that you would want to purchase a number of books for distribution to your members or to make a direct contribution to the work of the Council.

[illegible] books are enclosed for your information.

We are able to [illegible] a film study on FEPC for union [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] as you wish. I would appreciate deeply a prompt reply.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Mr. Sidney J. [illegible]
[illegible]
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

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Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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THE MOST REV. FRANCIS J. HAAS
BISHOP OF GRAND RAPIDS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

REFERRING TO OUR EARLIER PLEA OF MAY 14 THAT YOU AGREE TO APPEAR JUNE 11 AS A LEADING WITNESS IN SUPPORT OF THE IVES-CHAVEZ BILL AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AT THE OPENING OF SENATE HEARINGS, MAY I AGAIN APPEAL, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORS OF THE BILL, TO YOU TO WIRE US COLLECT SIGNIFYING YOUR WILLINGNESS TO APPEAR. IT IS UNANIMOUS OPINION OF ALL FRIENDS OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR DEEP SYMPATHY AND THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT YOU CAN MAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE PLEA. SCHEDULE AND NOTIFICATIONS ARE NOW BEING MADE UP AND WE HOPE WE MAY LIST YOU FOR THE OPENING DAY, TOGETHER WITH PRINCIPAL SENATE SPONSORS AND LEADING PROTESTANT AND JEWISH SPOKESMEN, THUS SETTING THE TONE OF HEARINGS ON HIGH LEVEL WHICH ISSUE DESERVES.

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman, National Council for a
Permanent FEPC

NC-FEPC
Kansas City Council

December 10, 1947

Miss Francis Eaton, Secretary
Paseo YWCA
Paseo and 19th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Miss Eaton:

Just a word of remembrance and to express my appreciation for your fine spirit of cooperation in the fight for a permanent FEPC. The fight ahead is going to be increasingly difficult. I hope you will help the Kansas City Council for a Permanent FEPC as much as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

NC-FEPC
Exec Bd

3744 Hayes Street, N. E.
Washington 18, D. C.
March 6, 1947

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers
Broadway Tabernacle Church
211 West 56th Street
New York City 19

Dear Allan

It has come to my attention that Ruth Lipper is being given the brush-off by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC because she is not affiliated with or representative of a national organization. I feel a responsibility for making clear to you the reason for Ruth's presence on the Board, since you may not remember the details.

We had been in Washington a bare four months (summer of 1944) when it became apparent that we did not have adequate Republican contacts. Through Ruth we were able to enlist the interest of Wendell Willkie who made individual Republican contacts for us and worked tirelessly to secure a platform plank in which the Republicans called for a federal FEPC. Ruth also secured his personal check for the work of the Council at a time when it meant definite sacrifice for him to give it. On several occasions Mr. Willkie paid the expenses for Ruth to come to Washington to bring messages from him to Republican leaders. She has at no time had adequate recognition from the National Council itself and it seemed to me that the least we could do to express our gratitude was to place her name on the Board. It was, of course, helpful to have her there, since she was in a position to give valuable assistance in the development of our Republican strategy.

I have made it a policy since August 1st to make no comments about the activities of the National Council and am only sending you this statement because I feel a peculiar sense of responsibility and because it might appear to some members of the Board that Ruth was there only as a friend of mine. I trust this information, which can be verified from the record, will be helpful and I hope you understand why I have to send it.

Cordially yours

Anna Arnold Hedgeman

Copy to A. Philip Randolph
Mrs. Ruth B. Lipper

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
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PROGRAM OF SOCIAL WORK

January 28, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Thanks for your note of January 15 which was forwarded to me here. In addition to the research that I mentioned in my previous letter, I am also teaching at Howard. You can reach me here at any time. Please be assured of my keen desire to work with the National Council.

Highest regards.

Sincerely,

Elmer

Elmer W. Henderson

[illegible] FEPC
Field & Staff

August 15, 1947

Mr. Elmer Henderson
930 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Elmer:

I received copy of letters from Mrs. Thelma S. Freeman, Secretary of the Denver Council for FEPC. Unfortunately there has been some confusion and difficulties attending the work of the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC but I don't think there is any basic trouble and I am confident with the roster of officers they have, the work will move progressively forward. I want to say that the Denver Council for FEPC has done a good job and especially Mrs. Freeman.

I hope you will send them all the paraphernalia necessary to carry on the work.

Fraternally yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 14, 1947

Mrs. Thelma S. Freeman, Secretary
Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC
2067 Ogden Street
Denver 5, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Freeman:

Thank you for your letters of August 9 and the enclosure of July 25. I deeply regret any misunderstandings that may have developed within the Denver Council but I am certain that as our work progresses they will all be ironed out. We have sent out a number of communications from our office here since you received my first one. I am sorry if there has been an error made in your case. We will correct it immediately. You will receive in a few days a letter bringing you up to date on the status of our bill and suggestions for activity during the Congressional recess.

You will hear from me again very soon.

Please accept our deep appreciation for all of the fine work you have done for our cause in the past. We are expecting great things from Denver.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer W. Henderson
Executive Secretary

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August 14, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Chief:

Here is my reply to Mrs. Freeman's recent letter, a copy of which she sent you.

Please let me know the real situation in Denver when you get a chance.

Sincerely,

Elmer

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C O P Y

July 25th, 1947

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson
Executive Secretary
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Your letter of July 16, 1947 was received by me on July 22nd. On the front of the letter is stamped in red ink that the letter had been missent to Hastings, Nebraska, and on July 19th, it was post marked from Hastings, Nebraska to Denver.

In your letter you state "Representatives from our office are endeavoring to cover a number of Councils this summer to plan with you such activities as are necessary to be carried out in each community during the remainder of the summer, in order to insure the passage of S.984 when Congress returns. If you have not sent the names and addresses of your officers, kindly do so immediately. Along with this information, we would appreciate a few lines on the activities you are having and the results you have had with the little campaign for funds which we suggested to you."

I think, Mr. Henderson, that I should write to you fully concerning the situation that has been caused here. I have hesitated for some time to do this, because I have tried at all times to be sensible enough to not let petty differences and personalities interfere with my civic activities.

I am sorry to state that I have not received the suggestions for the campaign for funds, but I and the other members of the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC have been waiting for suggestions, as you stated in your letter of May 9th "We will discuss with you later a longer range program of fund-raising". You also stated May 9th "We will soon suggest to you a program of activity for your council in support of our bill, will send you explanatory and educational material and will communicate with you regularly on all phases of our acti vity and stages of progress". To date, I have not received the material.

The resolutions were prepared by the resolutions committee and sent in, per your instructions. I personally contacted several other organizations and asked that they pass resolutions and send them in, which I am sure they did, as I have copies of the resolutions by some of the organizations that were sent in to Washington.

At the last meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Denver Unity Council, an Organization of ninety-five other organizations, of which I am a member and on whose Legislative Committee and Policy Board I have represented the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC ever since the Denver Unity Council was organized, I was authorized to work directly with the Executives of the Unity Councils throughout the State and furnish them with material, etc., and to get their support in urging Congressmen Hill, Chenoweth and Rockwell to support Permanent FEPC Legislation in the House, which heretofore they have failed and refused to do.

Under date of June 26th, a letter which was issued to all of the organizations of the Council carried the following paragraph:

> "F. E. P. C. The Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC reports that letters should go to Senator Robert Taft, Chairman Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, asking that hearings on the Ives-Smith-Murray bill (S. 984) be held before the whole committee, and to Rep. Fred Hartley, Chairman House Committee on Education and Labor, asking that a date be set for hearings on the Fulton-Dawson FEPC bill".

I think you can judge from this, whether or not the Denver Council has had any activity lately. We have at least been as active during the past year as we have had cooperation from the National Council.

In August 1946, a release was received from the National Council stating that Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman was no longer National Executive Secretary, and that other correspondence would be sent to the local Council shortly. The first letter received after August 1946 was March 10, 1947, addressed to me to [illegible] Ogden Street, but was delivered to me at [illegible] Ogden Street. The letter was from Mr. Milo Manly, Director of Field Operations, and states:

> "Dear Mrs. Freeman,
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> Mr. A. Philip Randolph, our Co-Chairman expects to be in your city in the very near future. Since I do not know at this writing where Mr. Randolph will stay, it might be best to say that he will contact you upon his arrival. Many thanks for your help and cooperation in the past".

Mr. Randolph came to Denver and held a public meeting on Sunday April 13th and was in town, I suppose Monday and Tuesday. About six o'clock Tuesday evening, someone called me on the telephone and said that a few of the people in the community were being contacted for a meeting later that evening to organize an FEPC Council, notwithstanding the fact that there was already a Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC, which was organized at the Central Y. W. C. A. on June 14, 1944, by Mr. Randolph and at that time it was stated that this Council would remain in existence until Permanent FEPC Legislation was secured and a Permanent FEPC Commission was created, then the Council would go out of existence. And, also, notwithstanding the fact that this Council had never been dissolved. At 7 p.m. on the same evening, Mr. R. J. Slater came to my house to notify me and asked me to notify other members of the Council that a meeting would be held at 7:30 p.m. and that all were requested to be on time. I contacted as many of the members of the Executive Board as I could get over the telephone. It was raining very hard and with one-half of an hour to get ready, none of us went. We had absolutely been given the "run around". Why wasn't the Secretary or the Chairman contacted in the beginning and asked about the present Council and to contact other people?

On Wednesday morning, April 16th, it was necessary for me to conduct a typewriting and shorthand test for my sorority at one of the schools, and when I returned to my home at 12 o'clock noon, I found a note in my mail box asking that I notify the members of the Executive Board and that we meet at the office of Dr. Holmes at 11 a.m. that morning. This was also last minute notice, and I was at the school at 11 a.m.

On April 30th I received a letter from Mr. Randolph stating:

> "Dear Mrs. Freeman
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> Just a word to say that I tried to get in touch with you while I was in Denver but every time I called you were out. I talked with Brother [illegible] concerning the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC. A small meeting was held at the Y for the purpose of reactivizing or reorganizing the Council. It was generally agreed that we should have a white co-chairman with the colored co-chairman and the treasurer should be chosen and the secretary to remain as is, namely yourself. Dr. Holmes was named as chairman of the planning committee to go about rebuilding the Denver Council so that a vigorous campaign can be made there to build sentiment and raise funds for the fight".

With the statement that the Secretary was to remain the same and the letters received from you concerning resolutions, etc., I went forward with the activities outlined above. A meeting was called

On June 10th, vacancies were filled, and the Education Chairman, Attorney Wendell P. Sayers, announced that he would hold a large public meeting as soon as the material had been received from the National Office, and, Attorney Charles A. Graham, White Co-Chairman, who we tried to get for the Co-Chairman when we first organized, but was too busy at the time, said that he would study the bill thoroughly and explain its contents and just what industries the bill covered, since there was much discussion about the weakness of the bill. The first bill, as you know, covered 6 or more employees or members of a Labor Organization, and this bill covers 50 or more, which is quite an increase. However, the members agreed to support the bill, since it was being endorsed by the National Office.

The Denver Council or whatever organization carries on the fight for FEPC wants members, workers, and a plenty of them, and we have been appealing for them ever since the Council was organized. But, I am sorry to state to you that I don't see how the Planning Committee as set up was going to revitalize the Council when there were not three who were present at the meeting when the Planning Committee was appointed that had ever been active with the Council. And, in a public meeting held at the Zion Baptist Church in March 1945, one of the main members of the Planning Committee stated that he did not have to support the FEPC Committee because FEPC did not effect his organization. This statement will certainly be supported by many of the people who were present. The others attend a meeting of the Council when Mr. Randolph is in Denver.

It would be well for the officials from the National Headquarters to contact the people who have worked hard with National FEPC Legislation since the Council was set up in 1944 and who have given as much or more time free and done just as effective work as some of the people who are drawing from [illegible] to $300 per month for doing the same work. Only ardent civic workers who are interested in the welfare of their fellow men and who are not seeking decorations and clamoring for recognition and who are too broad to let personal grievances hinder their progress, are those who give these free services and get the run around. I am beginning to wonder if it is worthwhile when one doesn't have it to do. It is certainly not worth being made a fool of by having some one to come in to the community that doesn't know the set up and doesn't try to find out and give others the impression that a person is either not capable of or is not doing the job. There are many organizations in Denver needing and wanting good workers.

As I have stated, your last letter was received on July 22nd, which was written on July 16th. On the night of July 22nd another meeting was called by Mr. Randolph in Denver, when fourteen people were present, per records, only two of whom were present in the April meeting, when eight were present. Not a member of the Denver

Council Executive Committee was called for the meeting, or know anything about the meeting until the next day when I was called by several who were present asking me if I had been notified of the meeting, which I had not. I had not been away from my home during the week, so I surely could have been contacted. If for any reason anyone did not care to call me, why wasn't the Chairman, Attorney Campbell, contacted? He has served as chairman since Rev. Hill left for Washington in September 1945. I am sure that Rev. Hill who is in the same city with you will be glad to tell you about the Denver FEPC while he was the chairman in Denver.

Our Council has always been inter-racial, and has certainly had its ups and downs in getting a sincere inter-racial set-up. I understand that emergency telegrams and resolutions were sent to Washington from the group present at the meeting on July 22nd. The Denver Council has never been notified of any emergency, neither the organizations working with us and organizations that we represent because we did not know.

A lady called me last week and stated that she had been appointed to act as secretary until an election could be held. Now, I am not clamoring for empty honors or free secretarial. I am a public legal secretary-stenographer and a bonded notary public. I also do quite a bit of civic and public relations work. I am well known, not only in Denver, but in many parts of the country. The next meeting date of the group which met on July 22nd is set for Wednesday July 30th. I have issued cards to my group to attend, per instructions of the chairman of the group. There are a very few sincere civic minded people in Denver and those who are do not intend to have factions created nor friction among those who are working peacefully civically.

You will be sent the names of the officers of the Denver Council after the Wednesday night meeting, and I am sure that whoever carries on the Denver Council will get to work as soon as they have received the material from the National Headquarters, and their work will certainly be outstanding if they are respected.

With all good wishes to you Mr. Henderson in your new office, I am

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Thelma S. Freeman

cc:

Mr. A. Philip Randolph

Denver Council

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Congress of the United States a bill to be known as the "National Act Against Discrimination, and

WHEREAS, said bill is now being considered by a Senate Committee and hearings are now being held to determine the action to be taken by said committee, and

WHEREAS, it appears that said bill, which is S 984 before the Senate of the United States and which is H R 2824 in the House of Representatives of the United States, would create a National Commission against Discrimination whose powers would be to prevent discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry by an employer of 50 or more engaged in interstate commerce as well as in Federal Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Denver Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. consisting of delegates from various organizations throughout Colorado, which organizations have a total membership in excess of 10,000 members have considered the bill and believe that its passage would be beneficial to the nation and would be in keeping with the principles of democracy and in adherence to the constitutional guarantees of the Federal Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denver Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. urge that favorable action be taken by the Congress of the United States to the end that said bill be enacted into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Press, the Radio and to all Members of the Senate and House Committees considering said bill, as well as to the Senators and Representatives from Colorado.

Done at Denver, Colorado this 10th day of June, 1947.

SAMUEL D. MENIN
Chairman,
Committee on Resolutions

THOMAS CAMPBELL
Chairman,
Denver Council for
Permanent F.E.P.C.

Thelma S. Freeman
(Mrs.) Thelma S. Freeman
Secretary Denver Council
for a Permanent FEPC

COPY

August 9, 1947

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson
Executive Secretary
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
[illegible] F Street, N. W.
Washington [illegible], D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I am enclosing to you a letter that was written to you by me on July 25th. I did not mail same at the time, but I think it is best to send it on to you and bring the situation up to date in Denver.

A call meeting of the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC was held a Wednesday night, July 30th, and a good representation of the Council members were present. A meeting of the Executive Board of the Denver Council was held the night before, Tuesday, July 29th. Certain recommendations were made and passed by the council. Although the Board resents the things that have been done, we realize that we are fighting for the welfare of millions of people of the minority group, therefore we are carrying on.

It was also agreed at the meeting that every organization that is working or supposed to be cooperating with the council will abide by the ruling of the council. Every body will be given credit for the money that they contribute, but there happens to not be any paid officers in the Denver Council and no one is being paid to keep individual books and to send money to the national headquarters, stating that this amount of money or that amount of money was received from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The chairman of the Executive Board of that Organization called me over the telephone stating under what conditions they would contribute through the council. I asked him to come to the meeting and state his complaint. We have no thieves handling the money of the Council and when we get any money, it will be handled just as it has been handled in the past.

There were only four of the people present who were present at the meeting of July 22nd, and when they were asked in the meeting of July 30th to serve on one of our committees, no one had time to serve on a committee. There are just some people who do nothing but talk and keep up confusion.

The Executive Board of the Denver Council recommended to the Denver Council that Dr. Eugene Link be elected as the white co-chairman of the council and that Mrs. Wilma Stewart be elected as the assistant secretary. This was done at the meeting of the council on July 30th.

The officers of the Denver Council as elected and accepted at the meeting of July 30, 1947 are as follows:

Attorney Thomas Campbell,	Co-Chairman	(Negro)
Dr. Eugene Link,	Co-Chairman	(White)
Mrs. Thelma S. Freeman,	Secretary-Treasurer	
Mrs. Wilma Stewart,	Assistant Secretary	

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Education	Attorney Wendell P. Sayers Mr. William Pinkett
Publicity	Mrs. Lula Campbell (another - white to be added)
Speakers' Bureau	Mr. Albert S. Fisher
Finance	Mr. H. L. McCain Attorney Charles A. Graham
Resolutions	Attorney Samuel D. Menin

It was agreed that new stationery be made with the names of all of the officers and as many of the members who wished to have their names on the station ery; that only the address of the Secretary-Treasurer be on the stationery. The name of Mr. J. R. Bennit was added to the Executive Board.

As soon as the material is received from your office, the officers and committee chairmen will be ready to begin work. When your outlined financial plan is received, the same will be turned over to the finance committee so that they can begin their work.

Very truly yours,

The Denver Council Perm. FEPC.
(Mrs.) Thelma S. Freeman,
Secretary

cc: Mr. A. Philip Randolph

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Executive
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September 6, 1947

Mr. Elmer Henderson, Executive Secretary
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Elmer:

Just a word to thank you for your letter with letter from Dr. Schieffelin, concerning payment of his loan to the Council. I recommend that we make every effort to meet his request.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
386 FOURTH AVENUE NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

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DEC - 8 1947

December 5, 1947

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Mr. Newman Levy is succeeding me as American Jewish Committee's representative on the Executive Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. He plans to attend the meeting on December 8 at 10:30 AM.

Sincerely yours,

George J. Hexter

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Chairman, Executive Committee
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N.W.
Washington 4, D.C.

GJH:ig
cc: Arnold Aaronson
Newman Levy

Re - FEPC
Denver Council

Elmer W. Hender

-217 W. 125 St.
N.Y.C. (27)

August 6, 1947

Dr. Clarence Holmes
2602 Welton Street
Denver, Colo.

My dear Friend Clarence;

Just a word of remembrance and to hope that the Denver Council for a Permanent FEPC is getting back in action again. In view of the violent and vicious opposition men like Rankin of Mississippi and Ellender of Louisiana are giving the National Council and the efforts to get our bills enacted by the House and Senate, we need all of the forces back of FEPC we can mobilize in all sections of the country.

Now Senator Millikin of Colorado made the most powerful attack on FEPC which has been made to date in the Congress. Hence you see the need for a good strong Council in Denver to turn the heat on Millikin and to make the chosen senators more active in fighting for what the people want.

We got a good Planning Committee set up while I was there with Professor Link of Denver University as Chairman. I hoped it would be possible to get a good working Council going which would be able to carry on a program of effective propaganda, raising of funds and in a position to send a delegation to Washington when called upon.

Trusting you are enjoying the best of health, I am

Cordially yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 6, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Hotel Majestic
55th Street at Central Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Dr. Chalmers, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Wilkins and myself are the committee which will keep the appointment you made fur Thursday, January 9th with Mr. Harry Scherman of the Book-of-the-month Club, Inc. (Mr. Delson is out of town.) We propose to ask him for two things:

1) A contribution (which he has already offered to you), and

2) To serve as chairman of the Book Publishers Committee of the Fund Campaign.

A friend in the office of Time Magazine informs me that Mr. Luce is due back today and should be in the office the rest of the week. This resolves the question that was in your mind because of the report that he had gone to a hospital for a check-up. I imagine the best thing to do would be to make the call person-to-person because he is out quite frequently. With a few days' notice I should have no trouble in getting a representative committee together to call on Mr. Luce.

There is not much new to report. I have an appointment with Mrs. Poses for Wednesday and, of course, the Scherman appointment on Thursday. Mr. Jameson of the Rockefeller office said he would telephone today but has not done so up to this time.

I imagine you have read the report of the speech made by Senator Taft. If you did, you will have noticed a significant omission: he made no reference to FEPC. Another curious incident was the compromise on Senator Bilbo. This had been called a victory, and it was - for reactionary southerners. If the Republicans are sincere, the Bilbo matter should not have been compromised. They have a powerful weapon with which to deal with Bilbo and with opponents of the legislation with which we are so deeply concerned. I refer to the right of the Senate to change the rules so as to require only a majority vote to invoke cloture. It seems to me that the Republican Party's refusal to meet this issue is a warning of what to expect on FEPC, anti-lynching, and poll tax.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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My guess is that although some Republican leaders are sincere in their desire to enact this legislation, and others are willing to vote for it--for political reasons, that the Machiavellis of the party decided that a rule requiring a simple majority to impose cloture would make the issue far too cimple. It would deprive the party of an opportunity to play an heroic role, and win the support of minority groups at no cost--not even passage of the legislation.

If the opportunity has not passed with the shelving of the Bilbo case, might it not be good strategy to press for a change in the Senate rules on cloture as part of the campaign for FEPC, etc.? As the Times points out "If this step (on cloture) were to be taken, the Southern Democrats would be unable to talk to death such measures as the anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills..."

Interestingly enough, although the Times sees this point all too clearly, it regards the Bilbo compromise as "satisfactory"!

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Hugh Holohan

Hugh Holohan

P. S. We are moving to 33 West 60th Street
on January 13th.

HH/mt

xc FEPC
Admin

[redacted]

January 17, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Y.M.C.A.
Senate Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I am sending this letter by air mail special delivery and a copy by ordinary mail special delivery in the hope that you will get one of them in time.

I telephoned Frank Jamison of the Rockefeller office shortly after you called me from Columbus yesterday (Thursday). This is the gist of our conversation:

He said Rockefeller had not agreed to sign the joint invitation to the luncheon or to give a "fair contribution", but that he (Jamison) would recommend these two things.

Jamison also said that before making his recommendation to Mr. Rockefeller he wanted to know the names of the co-signers of the invitation and that under no circumstances were we to use Rockefeller's name in inviting others to sign the invitation. Jamison will not be available beyond this (Friday) afternoon and Mr. Rockefeller is leaving on Tuesday (Jan. 21).

At 10 o'clock this morning we held a meeting of available members of the Administrative Committee. These were [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Stephens, and Wilkins. I presented a detailed picture of the Rockefeller-Jamison negotiations and upon the basis of that information the group decided substantially as follows:

1) That while the conditions imposed by Jamison seemed unreasonable in view of the time element, we should attempt to meet them by finding acceptable co-signers for the invitation.

2) That I am to communicate with Jamison by 2 P. M. and tell him the names of those who have agreed to sign the invitation. Alternately, if by that time we have no co-signers I am to ask for Mr. Rockefeller's authorization to use his name with the understanding that co-signers will be restricted to the following list:

Brig.Gen William J. Donovan	Albert D. Lasker
Alfred Baker Lewis	Henry Luce
Mrs. Anna Rosenberg	[illegible] Jr.
Martin Quigley	Brig. Gen. Sarnoff

I am also to attempt to find out the probable size of Mr. Rockefeller's contribution.

3) It was agreed also that you be requested to transmit the enclosed telegram to Nelson Rockefeller. In our opinion the telegram should be sent as a night letter on Sunday night so as to reach the Rockefeller office by 9 o'clock on the morning of Monday, January [illegible].

It looks now as though there is little we can salvage from the Rockefeller negotiations. This, please understand, is only my personal view. It would take too much space and time even to summarize the details of our relations with [illegible] but I feel that he has "given us the business". While this is merely my personal view, I believe you are entitled to the information. At all events, whether I am right or not, the enclosed telegram is designed to win something from what now looks like a fruitless effort.

Cordially yours,

Hugh [illegible]

HK/at
enclosure

1006-16th Ave. N.,
Nashville, Tennessee,
July 21, 1947

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
217 W 125th St.,
New York, New York.

Dear Bro. Randolph:

Enclosed you will find the mailing list of the F.E.P.C. Executive Committee. I have written Mr. Henderson in Washington for some literature. At this date we have not received our bills yet. Due to the small amount in our treasury , Mr. Day thought we should wait for you to send the bills instead of making them ourselves. Of course I was governed accordingly as he is the Chairman. I am writing you to inform you that we are not yet in possession of the bills. We need them for our Educational Committee.

Fraternally yours,

L. T. Holt
L T Holt

LTH/cvh

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July 28, 1947

Mr. L. T. Holt, President
Nashville Division--BSCP
1008 18 Street N.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Holt:

I have received your letter of July 21st with the names of the members of the Executive Board of the Nashville FEPC Council.

I note that you said that the opinion of the group was that the bills on FEPC should be mailed from the Washington office rather than spend any funds for printing same. I am sure you will receive literature from Washington very soon if you haven't gotten it by this time. I hope that the work of the Nashville Council will be successful. I am confident it will.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:bm

Nashville Tenn
Aug 6 1947

Mr A. Phillip Randolph.

Dear Bro. Randolph.
acknowledging your letter of
July 28.
I received from Washington
The Literature and Bills from
Mr Henderson.
I talked with Mr Day to day
about the work I cant understand
his attitude in regards
to promoting the work, to me
he dosent seem to be interested.
I have called one Executive
meeting and we made
plans to Organize the City
I ask Mr Day about calling

a meeting but hes never said just when he will call one I suggested The Joining Plan to The Executive members it was excepted and all Think its a good Idea but I havent been able to get any Thing out of Mr Ray.

Please advise what steps to take, if something isnt done The whole works will Die just like it did before Write me at once on this matter

Fraternally Your

L. T. Holt.

P.S. Please add my Letters to 16th ave. N.

They usually go to 16th St.

Re-FEPC
Nashville
Div

August 28,1947

Mr. L. T. Holt
1908 18th Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Holt:

I note your letter of August 6th concerning the Nashville Council for a Permanent FEPC. I hope that you will be able to get the cooperation of the various members of the Local Council. No doubt it will take a little time to work out the program, but I am sure you will do so eventually. It will require some diplomacy to work with the groups, because everybody does not think alike.

The 1st of the year will soon be here when we will all be fighting for FEPC in the Congress. By that time we hope we shall have built up the good financial resources we need. To that end, we hope that the local council will do a good job. I am confident that Nashville will.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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INTERRACIAL REVIEW
20 VESEY STREET
NEW YORK 7

February 25, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President
National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.
217 West 125th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Phil:

You will be glad to know that I have received the formal acceptance of Judge Flood of Philadelphia for membership on the National Board of Directors of our Council. His name is Hon. Gerald F. Flood, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas No. 6, City Hall, Philadelphia. He is a Catholic and the President of the Catholic Interracial Council of Philadelphia.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George

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George K. Hunton

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE
COMMITTEE

CORRESPONDENSE

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1947

COPY

City of Orlando
730 W. Jackson St.
Orlando, Florida

December 9th, 1946

National Recreation Association
Mr. Howard Braucher, Pres.

Dear Sir

I am writing you in regard to the Area Conference held in Jacksonville, Florida, Nov. 17,18,19, at the Wilder Recreation Center of which Mrs. Florida Dwight is Supervisor. Permit me to say that this is the greatest I have ever attended. I have learned so much, and I really have been benefited by attending it. And may I say without contradiction that Mr. E. T. Atwell is the greatest I have ever met in this line of work, he really has helped me in every way. We honor him and too, we love him. I am sure when I say that he has won a place in the hearts of every one that attended the Conference. At the last session I offered a motion that Florida go on record as organizing a Florida State Negro Association and said Association is to become a member of the National Recreation Association, which was carried; and already I have made several contacts and I am sure about the 15th of January 1947 we will have an Association. So by this you can see how greatly I was impressed. And since I have been back I have done what I would call the almost impossible, that is I have set up in three of the leading Churches a Recreation Center where the young people can gather in a religious Recreation program, with a volunteer leader, and a Mother's Club in each church as a guide for the children.

May I say that a year ago these same ministers fought this program but when convinced them what a wonderful part the church could play in a religious Recreation Program they readily accepted it.

In regard to the Institute that is to be held in St. Louis, Mo., please write me all details, fees and whatever may be attached to it. I would like to attend, and I am sure if you will write my Supt., suggesting to him that I attend, Mr. Clarence Varner, Supt., Recreation, Orlando, Florida, I am sure that will be granted me. Do you give certificates for such? Also, do you have a set of by-laws covering a State Recreation Association? If so, please send me a set and if you don't have one, would you be kind enough to have a set of laws drawn up and mail me so that I can have them at the organizing of our Club.

Again allow me to thank the Association for the great help it has been to me and for such a great man as Mr. Atwell.

Sincerely yours

(signed)
John H. Jackson
Supervisor, Recreation

Na FEPC.
NY Council

July 8, 1947

Mr. Francis Jamieson
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Jamieson:

I want to express my great appreciation for your getting Mr. Nelson Rockefeller to send a statement to the Sub-Committee on Labor and Public Welfare in support of the FEPC Bill, S.984. I assure you that this statement is most helpful.

I have been quite tied up with a number of trips in the interest of key organizational work and the FEPC that have taken me out of the city for some time. It is my hope, however, that at some convenient time for you and Mr. Rockefeller, together with one or two other members of our Council, we may have a chat about FEPC legislation and the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Elmer W. Henderso

-217 W. 125 Street
New York 27, N. Y.

August 5, 1947

Mr. Francis Jamison
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Jamison:

Permit me to say on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC that we are deeply grateful to you for your interest in and cooperation with our efforts to secure the enactment of Fair Employment Practice legislation by Congress. We want you to know that we appreciate your using your good offices in helping the National Council to get the contribution of one thousand dollars from Mr. Nelson Rockefeller.

While we did not get our Bills to the floor of the Congress, we are confident that we will get it to the floor of the next Congress when it opens next January and we believe we will win, if we are able to mobilize public sentiment back of our fight. I hope we may have your continued support.

Around the beginning of Fall I will give you a ring with the hope of having a chat about our plans to prosecute this fight.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Re FEPC
Exec Comm

September 18, 1947

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Wilkins is out of the city on vacation and will not be able to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC Monday, September 22. He is expected back at his desk around October 2.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna Johnson
Secretary to Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman, National Council FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

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Nc-FEPC
Chicago

December 4, 1947

Mr. Theodore Jones
5607 South Parkway
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jones:

Just a word to thank you for the fine work you did in making the luncheon for FEPC at Morris' Restaurant a success. I talked with Rev. Cobbs while there and he agreed to help us raise some funds for FEPC. We are planning on the date of January 18th. I have talked it over with Elmer Henderson, and no doubt he will keep you informed of the plans.

Cordially,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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September 9, 1947.

Mrs. Wm. L. Booth
2018 Jackson St.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Booth:

As per our conversation of yesterday, enclosed find folder on our Federation Conclave.

I would appreciate the information you may get from A. Phillip Randolph. Our group is natrually interested in the FEPC and would like to do all we can to help it.

Sincerely,

Chester Kingsbury

CHK:h

Chester Kingsbury

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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, President
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Honorable A. Phillip Randolph:
Dear Mr. Randolph,

What greater award among life's earthly possessions can one receive than that of an encouraging word from a friend, it is painless to give and priceless to receive. So permit me to express the depth of my appreciation for the countless sacrifices you have made through the years on behalf of the struggling masses.

The old proverb states that the good one does, lives long after they have departed and I am certain the great accomplishments of A. Phillip Randolph shall prove no exception.

Though how much sweeter it must sound to hear these praises while yet we live. The inscription this letter envelope carries, is without your permission but is my humble contribution to this gallant battle you are staging, if it but awakens the mind of the owner of one set of the countless hands it shall have passed through before reaching you, it will have served its purpose.

I think organizations all over America should adopt some worthwhile slogan in support of F.E.P.C. and have it inscribed on their organizational stationary. I predict that if such could be accomplished, the silent messages thus inscribed would awaken countless thousands of Americans to the drastic need of "F.E.P.C."

In closing may I wish you the happiest of Happy New Years. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Elbert Daniel Koelman

Elbert Daniel Koelman

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May 1, 1947

Miss [illegible] Levine
Local 22, ILGWU
[illegible] West [illegible] Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Miss Levine:

[illegible] [illegible] and Bill Worthy have told me of the very great burden which you took off the [illegible] [illegible] office by sending out the mailing to the AFL and CIO unions.

Many thanks for your kindness. I only wish that more [illegible] supporters would come through with the same kind of material assistance.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS=

REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR WIRE TO MR. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. BEFORE HE LEFT HE ATTEMPTED TO REACH HOLOHAN AT PENNSYLVANIA 6-3400 AS SUGGESTED AND WAS INFORMED HE WAS NO LONGER THERE. UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT LUNCHEON IS BEING POSTPONED=

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Re FEPC
Denver
Council

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Elmer W. Henderson

- 217 W. 125 St.
NYC (27)

August 5, 1947

Dr. Eugene P. Link
Sociology Department
Denver University
Denver, Colo.

My dear Dr. Link;

Just a word of remembrance and to say that I am indeed appreciative of your interest and cooperation with the efforts in Denver to set up a Local Council for a Permanent FEPC.

I suggested to Brother Ashley L. Totten that I saw you in Denver. He was quite pleased to know it.

Sincerely yours,

APR;ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NY Council

217 W. 125 St.
N.Y.C. (27)

May 2, 1947

Mr. Tex McCreery
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McCreery:

It has been suggested that it might be helpful to the movement for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, the National Council for a Permanent FEPC of which I am Co-Chairman, if I avail myself for an interview over the National Broadcasting Company at some convenient date. It will be convenient for me to have such an interview the morning of May 17th if it is convenient for your program. I will be glad to hear from you concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

APR:he

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

N. Y. COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Alves
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York 27, N.Y.

April 30, 1947

Dear Miss Alves:

Mr. Boyer probably told you that Jinx Falkemberg and Tex McCreary could not interview Mr. Randolph on May 2nd because of a special television program on that date, but Mr. McCreary said he would like to arrange a later date when Mr. Randolph is free.

If you will pass this information on to Mr. Randolph, perhaps we can set a time for a broadcast revolving around FEPC.

Sincerely,

William Worthy, Jr.

William Worthy, Jr.

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TO MAX DELSON, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC

FROM MILO MANLY

-ACTIVITY REPORT-

Week of January 6th to 10th, 1947

Queries as to "what is the Council doing" have multiplied, now that Congress is in session. Several Board Members have asked to be advised of the date of the next Board meeting.

The office is preparing wage statements to be sent to all employees on the payroll during 1946.

In Mr. Fitzhugh's financial report of July 31, 1946, there is shown a tax payment of $426.20. We have the cancelled check, but have nothing to show how this payment was applied by the Revenue Department. We have written for an explanation as there is a possibility that they owe us this sum. There is also some question as to whether we owe the Social Security and Withholding Taxes on the back salaries that are being liquidated. Mr. Fitzhugh is trying to check on this.

Four FEPC bills have been introduced in Congress; - Representative Dawson, HR.229; Representative Norton, HR.260; Representative Dirksen, HR. 300 and Representative Clason, HR. 47.

We have received several deposit slips, which merely state the total amount deposited. We must have the name, address and amount of each item of deposit.

The Department of Justice is preparing recommendations for the President's new Committee on Civil Rights, and Maceo Hubbard, an attorney for the Department is anxious to get the Committee to hold hearings on FEPC. He wishes to discuss the same with Council representatives. (Boris Shishkin is a member of the Committee)

Please advise me as to the status of Mr. Paul Sifton. What is his title? Is he on the payroll? Do I make up a check for him along with the rest of the personnel?

MM

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Minutes:-

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC

Meeting held Thursday, February 6, 1947
295 Madison Avenue
N.Y.C.

Committee Members present:- Chairman, Max Delson; A. Philip Randolph, Allan Knight Chalmers, Benjamin McLaurin, Roderick Stephens, Arnold Aronson, Isaiah Minkoff, Hugh Holahan, Madison Jones, George K. Hunton, Frank N. Trager and Milo Manly.

Mr. Holahan reported on the mail appeal going out over Dr. Schieffelin's signature. Copies of the letter, pamphlet, subscription blank, return stamped envelope were passed around for the committee to inspect. Mr. Holahan now feels that we cannot expect support from the people who could give $2500 or more so we must now concentrate on the $50 class donors.

Both Mr. Holahan and Mr. Stephens reported on David Dorin, Ex-Director of Sydenham Hospital, and his relations with the hospital. Mr. Dorin has offered the Council a proposition which the committee decided to take up further at the Board Meeting.

Several people felt that since we have not been successful in our campaign plans so far, that maybe we should launch a different kind of campaign with a smaller goal in view.

Mr. Minkoff felt that we should look into the Dorin proposition.

Mr. Minkoff gave a report on the meeting in Washington with Senator Taft. Present at the meeting were, - Messrs., A.P. Randolph, Clarence Mitchell, Leslie Perry, Arnold Aronson, Isaiah Minkoff, George Weaver, Robert Church and John O'Connor.

Mr. Manly stated that our local councils throughout the country are still in existence and that as soon as the bill is introduced, we will be able to reactivize these councils and will be able to get a few thousand dollars from them.

Mr. Randolph stated that if our campaign is a failure, it is a collective failure. He still thinks we will get some support from Rockefeller, but should proceed with plans for the fund-raising luncheon without him. (Rockefeller) He also stated our urgent need of an executive director. Mr. Randolph thought the Dorin situation sounded good and proposed that a sub-committee be appointed to meet with Dorin that afternoon.

Mr. Holehan reported that through Mrs. Lillian Poses we are seeking the cooperation of the New York Post. Mr. Thackrey, head of the Post is to give us his answer through Mrs. Poses.

Mr. Trager made it clear that the people engaged in the legislative campaign in Washington could hardly be expected to engage in a fund campaign also; that even though Washington is the political center, New York remains the fund-raising center; that full time people are needed for the fund campaign; that a luncheon or dinner can be planned as one event in the fund campaign, that when the bill is introduced a special meeting of interested leaders in New York City should be called which would be a money raising meeting, and that the whole community must be included in our campaign and not just Jewish and Negro groups. He also thought that the Dorin situation should be looked into.

There were several suggestions about reorganizing the sub-committees of the Board and utilizing persons other than Board members. It was decided to defer action on this until an Executive Director was selected and could review the Council's administrative structure.

The meeting then returned to a discussion of the financial drive.

Mr. Minkoff suggested that:-

1. The Washington office plan to revive the local councils
2. That plans to obtain large gifts be centered in New York
3. The Unions be requested to handle drives within their own set-up

Mr. Dorin came in and was interviewed by a committee consisting of Frank Trager, Thurman Dodson, and Martin Kyne, who in turn recommended that Mr. Dorin state his proposition to the entire Committee.

Mr. Dorin then appeared before the entire Administrative Committee after which a sub-committee composed of Martin Kyne, Madison Jones and Isaiah Minkoff was set up to investigate Mr. Dorin's proposition and report to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Minkoff felt that if we cannot arrange something with Dorin, then we should plan for a less expensive campaign.

Dr. Chalmers reported on our present financial situation. We have $4000.00 in hand. Motion was made and passed to pay another 10% of back salaries which would bring the entire amount paid up to 60%. The following approximate expenditures are to be made immediately:

Salaries, rent, etc.	$2700	N.Y. Office furniture	$ 300
N.Y. Office fixtures	1000	N.Y. Office mail appeal	150
N.Y. Office telephones	300	Additional sec'y Washington office	200
Back salaries	500		

The question was raised as to the expenditures of the Council to date and Mr. Manly was instructed to prepare a condensation of the weekly reports (from the Washington office to the Administrative Committee) for presentation to the next Administrative Committee meeting and Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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Milo Manly

March 11, 1947

Mr. Elmer Henderson
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Elmer:

Find enclosed copies of letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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March 12, 1947

Mr. Milo Manly
National Council for a
Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Milo:

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory.

What is the status of our account with Miss [illegible]? If we owe her $150 she should have been included among the others who have receive from 20 to 25% at a time.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:bhm
Enc.

June 18, 1947.

To: Elmer Henderson, Executive Director
National Council for a Permanent FEPC

From: M. Manly, Director of Field Operations

Re: Field Work

As a result of my recent field trips, speaking engagements etc, and the requests for information and literature that we are receiving, I wish to make the following recommendations and suggestions:

Literature

We need two basic pamphlets; one to give an explanation of the National Council, its origin, purpose, composition and a brief up-to-date history of the bills sponsored by the National Council. The second pamphlet should be up-to-date questions and answers (similar to the Norton pamphlet.) I realize that I have been continually talking about the need of these two pamphlets and that our shortage of funds has prevented getting these pamphlets printed, but I feel that now that some funds are coming in,that these two pamphlets should take precedence over anything else we do in the whole area of community field work.

In order to get people to promote the National Council program and to contribute financially to its support they need to know about the work of the National Council.

Today there is considerable confusion in the minds of the people in distinguishing between local and state councils, and the National council. Letters to the National Council frequently state "We have recently contributed to FEPC." Investigation shows that their contribution went to a local or state group.

Speeches without proper literature as a follow-up are not nearly as effective and lasting as those given with educational pamphlets. An audience remembers very little of what is said in a meeting.

The literature we now have does not explain or describe the National Council and its work. However our present literature, if accompanied by an explanation of the National Council and the proposed bills, would be very effective. The descriptive pamphlets are the foundation material for distribution of reprints of speeches, statements, congressional hearings, etc.

I therefore request the printing of these two basic pamphlets immediately.

Local Councils

Throughout the country local and state councils for FEPC have been working for state bills. These groups have been holding meetings, raising funds, printing and distributing literature etc., with little or no contact with the National Council. Letters sent to the chairmen of these local councils requesting support for the National Council and the Federal bills have produced little response except from those that have had a recent visit with them and the accompanying personal contact with a representative of the National Council.

To reactivate and gain effective use of local councils I suggest:

1. Periodic visits to local councils by a National Council representative.

2. Setting up a monthly newsletter that would carry information about the activity of the National Council and the various projects and programs of local councils and other groups interested in FEPC.

3. Set up a system of reporting from local councils that would acquaint the National Council with the reaction of congressmen to local delegations, constituents etc., and provide material for # 2 including local newspaper articles, editorials etc.

In short the National Council should be developed so as to be a clearing house for information and activity for FEPC.

In my report of May 13 I described the proposals of the Civil Liberties Department I.B.P.O.E. and the National Baptist Convention, Inc., to promote a national educational and fund raising campaign within their own membership. Both asked that a representative of the National Council be assigned to their Civil Affairs Departments to assist the Directors in formulating and carrying out the program.

I also described the proposal of Rev. Talley of Pittsburgh to promote the National Council and the Federal bill throughout Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. He too requested a field representative to assist him.

At the present time the Elks and the Baptist Church are holding state and regional conferences all over the country. The Civil Liberties Director of both groups attend these conferences. Both are waiting for the National Council to provide them with the National Council representative who would handle details and follow up work in connection with the development of an educational and financial program.

The conferences now being held are the logical starting points for such a program. Failure to start at the conferences means contacting the ministers and Elk leaders individually which is obviously impossible.

Women's organizations throughout the country should be contacted to enlist their support. A starting point in this area could be the National Beauticians Association and the Women's Auxiliaries of the Baptist Church, the Elks and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

To carry out educational and fund raising programs within the groups mentioned will require a field staff of three men and one woman.

Area to be Covered

The proposed field staff of four persons should spend their main efforts in the key election states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Missouri.

> Note-New York state is to be covered by the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC. Assignments to other states would be made if possible as circumstances warrant.

The above programs have been discussed with the Baptist leaders and with the Director of Civil Liberties of the Elks,and are ready to start.

Literature (supervised by the National Council) will be printed and distributed by these groups. The only items lacking to get the programs underway are the National Council field workers.

Office Work

To maintain and service this type of program and field staff the Director of Field operations must

1. Train and supervise the field staff
2. Maintain constant liason with each field worker by mail and visit each in the field as program and conditions warrant.
3. Set up and maintain a filing system that keeps current information on the activity of each local council, organizations and field worker.
4. Maintain proper address files for distribution of literature and the monthly Newsletter.
5. Keep accurate financial record of expenses and travel of field staff.
6. Make regular reports of all activities to Executive Director.

The office work involved in the above items will require the full time of one member of the clerical staff. I therefore request that, as soon as the Field Work department is organized, Mrs. Dean, now doing general clerical work, be assigned wholly to the Field Department.

Conclusion

In summarizing my recommendations I submit the following.

1. The immediate printing of two basic pamphlets describing the National Council and providing questions and answers about FEPC and the bills.

2. The employment of a field staff of three men and one woman.

Comment

The above is an overall program that should be initiated as quickly as possible. Details of procedure and administration of the field shall be the responsibility of the Director of Field operations.

However none of these proposals will be possible unless the Board of Directors of the National Council takes steps to provide sufficient funds so that the field staff can be provided money for travel and maintenance at the beginning of each months assignment, and that salaries can be paid on time. It simply is not possible to do promotional work of the type required in selling FEPC unless the staff can follow through on a program once it is initiated.

To Mr Manly

C. HERBERT MARSHALL, M. D., 2ND
GEORGETOWN, D. C.

February 27, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City

My dear Phil:

Miss Elsie Lewis, who was formerly with the Council and is now doing personal work for me, happened to mention that the Council owes her the sum of $150 pay. You know how sensitive I am about the Council, and knowing the type of service Miss Lewis rendered while she was there, I am taking the liberty of asking you to investigate and see that the right thing is done by her. This amount of money is of considerable importance to her, and I regret that her health was such that she was unable to continue her services at the time.

I hope to see you soon when you are in the city. I know you read about my recent conflict with the District Commissioners, and you will be happy to know that I have given them a good whipping.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Herb

C. Herbert Marshall

enc.

P.S. I am enclosing copy which Miss Lewis submitted after a talk with Mr. Manly, but from which she has heard nothing.

December 10, 1946

To The National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W., Room 901
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Board of Trustees

For services rendered beyond last pay period, June 1 and 3 @ $45 per week	$15.00
For earned leave from August 1, 1945 to June 1, 1946 at rate of 2½ days per month, according to work agreement	135.00
(less regular reductions)	$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie W. Lewis (Miss)
1822 Girard Street, N. E.
Washington 17, D. C.

Stenographer
Pay-Roll Clerk

COPY

Copy to Milo Manly, and Arnold Aronson

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March 12, 1947

Mr. C. Herbert Marshall
Georgetown, D. C.

My dear friend Herb:

Thanks a lot for your letter of February 7th with enclosure concerning indebtedness of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC to Miss Wilda Lewis of 1222 Girard Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. Now I will take up this matter with Mr. Milo Manly who has charge of the administrative work of the Council in Washington, D. C. and see what the status of the account with Miss Lewis is. The Council owes all of the former employees and we have been paying them at the rate of 25 to 30% at a time. I assume that Miss Lewis was included among them. If not, I will find out why she wasn't included. We are still indebted to the former employees to the extent of 50%.

I saw where you had a tilt with the District Commissioners and I am glad that you gave them a licking. When I am in Washington again I hope to see you and have a chat. With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Elmer W. Hend

217 W. 125 Street
New York 27, N. Y.

July 8, 1947

Dr. J. B. Martin
910 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Martin:

No doubt you have read in the press about hearings conducted by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare on the FEPC Bill pending in Congress. Testimony favorable to the bill was given by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor and Philip Murray, President of the CIO together with heads of Protestant, Jewish and Catholic organizations.

It is our hope that we may get our bills on the callender ready for action when the next session of Congress convenes in January. In the meantime the National Council for a Permanent FEPC will seek to mobilize the country and organize public sentiment back of this legislation. It is the biggest job Negroes have ever undertaken since the Civil War because there is formidable opposition to this bill by the South, the National Manufacturer's Association and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Hence, we need money. We need a whole lot of money.

To that end, we are making appeals to every Negro organization in the country and also to the various trade unions. Knowing that you conduct the East-West Game which attracts a large Negro audience annually in September, I want to request and urge that you permit the National Council for a Permanent FEPC to raise a collection at the forthcoming game this September. We could organize a group of young women who would go through the vast crowds and raise the funds after a brief word is said over the loud speaker in favor of the bill and the purpose of the collection. I am coming to Chicago July 17th or 18th and I will call you up for the purpose of having a chat with you about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Chicago
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Elmer W. Hende

-217 W. 125 St.
NYC (27)

August 5, 1947

Dr. J. D. Martin
412 East 47 Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Friend:

Just a word to say it was a pleasure to have had these chats over the telephone with you on the FEPC. I just came from Washington in the interest of FEPC and it is apparent from the violent and vicious opposition our bills are encountering from men like Rankin of Mississippi and Ellender of Louisiana, Negroes are going to have to mobilize all the forces they can to pass this legislation when Congress reconvenes.

Mr. Elmer Henderson, Executive Secretary will be in Chicago sometime in the near future--and will call upon you to enlist your cooperation in setting up a local council in Chicago for the purpose of educating the people of Chicago on the need, value, and importance of FEPC and also to raise funds. I hope you will give him your cooperation.

When I am in Chicago again I hope it may be convenient for us to have a chat.

Cordially yours,

APR:ga

A. Philip Randolph
International President

COPY to: Dr Chalmers
Mr Randolph ✓
Mr Holsham

N-FEPC
NY Council

THE NEW YORK TIMES
TIMES SQUARE
New York 18

February 21, 1947

Mr Roderick Stephens,
215 East 149th St,
Bronx 51, N Y

Dear Mr Stephens:

Let me thank you for the courtesy of the interesting talk we had on the telephone as well as for your letter of February 20th and the material which you were kind enough to send with it. You may be sure that this whole subject will have our fresh and earnest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES MERZ

Editor

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March 11, 1947

Mr. Isaiah Minkoff
National Community
Relations Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Isaiah:

Just a word to say that I leave the city March 6th for the Pacific Coast. En route I will stop at St. Paul, Seattle, Portland, Oakland, Los Angeles, and on my return trip I will visit Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago, Pittsburgh and back to New York. I shall hold a number of public meetings as well as make talks to trade unions, colleges, and civic groups. I shall take this opportunity to discuss our FEPC bills before the Congress and urge the support of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC morally and financially.

While on this trip I shall also attempt to reactivize the Local Councils which were set up by myself some two years ago in all of these cities I have mentioned. It is my hope that we may realize some funds as a result of my contact with these local councils and other groups or at least to get them active in mobilizing public sentiment back of the bills as well as raising funds.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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Dictated but not read

FEPC
Chattanooga

July 8, 1947

Mr. E. Moore, President
Chattanooga Division, BSCP
1112 College Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Sir and Brother:

Brother Bennie Smith and myself will be in Chattanooga, July 14th. I wish you would get in touch with Mr. E. L. Holmes, 110 East 9th Street, and request him to arrange for a meeting of the FEPC committee. I want to tell the committee about the present status of the FEPC in Congress, and get it active again in getting funds to help in the fight. Have the meeting arranged at a time when it won't be in conflict with the meeting of the porters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

2717 Wisteria Ave.
New Orleans 17, La.
January 20, 1947

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th. Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The New Orleans Council of the F.E.P.C. is anxious to have a meeting with you when you come down shortly, if it is at all possible. We realize that you will have a full agenda with the Brotherhood Conference, as well as Carnival activities, but we are hoping that you might be able to meet with the Council during your stay. We will, of course, urge that our members and their friends attend the open meeting sponsored by the B.S.C.P.

Because of the necessity of getting notices out in ample time, we would appreciate an early reply.

Fraternally,

Lillian Muniz

Lillian Muniz,
Administrative Secretary
New Orleans Council F.E.P.C.

NC-FEPC
New Orleans

January 27, 1947

Miss Lillian Hunig
Administrative Secretary
New Orleans Council for FEPC
2717 Wisteria Avenue
New Orleans 17, Louisiana

Dear Miss Hunig:

In reply to your letter of January 20th requesting me to meet with the New Orleans Council for a Permanent FEPC while I am there, may I say that I will be glad to do so.

I am looking forward to meeting with the group.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC
Los Angeles Br

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC
930 F. Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers — Co-chairman
A. Philip Randolph — Co-chairman

Local Office
1208 E. 20th Street
Pr. 3626

April 5, 1947

Dear Friend:

The National Office of the Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. has been successful in having introduced into the United States Congress a bill creating a permanent Federal Fair Employment Practice Law. This legislation was introduced by Senators, Morse of Oregon, Ives of New York, Downey of California and Salltonstall of Massachusetts, and a similar bi-partisan group in the House of Representatives.

It is the opinion of the National Council that this legislation can be passed through the present Congress, if, the American people are mobilized through local chapters of the National Council. At a small meeting held with some of the leaders of this city it was decided that an organizational meeting for a Los Angeles chapter should be called. Because of your interest in this type of program your name has been submitted to serve on the organizing committee.

A meeting of this group will be held Tuesday, April 8, 8 p.m., at the Y.W.C.A., 4260 Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

In view of the serious conditions facing minority workers it is imperative that this program is launched immediately.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph,
National Co-chairman

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH AND ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS CO CHAIRMEN

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JACOB POTOFSKY AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS
15 UNION SQUARE NEW YORK NEW YORK

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH AND ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS CO CHAIRMEN
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC 217 WEST 125 STREET
NEW YORK.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

WASHINGTON June 24--If the Nation is to do its utmost to aid world rehabilitation and establish freedom, the 19-man committee named by President Truman to determine the world's needs and America's ability to help must take into account not only our material and dollar resources but all our human and spiritual resources as well, A. Philip Randolph, co-chairman of the National Committee for a Permanent FEPC, said today in a statement commenting on the appointment of the committee.

"For example, such a mobilization requires the enactment of permanent, not temporary, fair employment legislation now before the Congress in the Ives-Chavez bill against discrimination in employment," he said.

Randolph pointed out that the President's Committee includes "no recognized, responsible representatives of the more than twenty million members of minority groups who, because of increasing discrimination in employment, are barred from making their maximum contribution to production. Nor does it include responsible representatives of farmers', women's, consumers', religious or welfare groups. All these, it seems to me, should be represented and have a voice and vote in the work of the committee. It will not be enough to ask them to 'sell' the program after it has been formulated."

He expressed the hope that, under the leadership of three members, former Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., AF of L Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, the Committee, President Truman and the Congress will make "all-out co-operation" by the entire Nation "a working fact in the days and years of the great ordeal we are now preparing to accept."

Randolph's statement follows:

"It is encouraging to note President Truman's appointment of a committee, as suggested by Senator Vandenberg, to survey the world's needs and, presumably in line with the Marshall plan for integrated European rehabilitation, to estimate our Nation's ability to help in that rehabilitation.

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the President's Committee appears to be put upon material and dollar values, with little recognition of the human values and resources that must be enlisted in an all-out co-operative productive effort. Of the nineteen members of the Committee, three may be relied upon to give the Committee leadership in fully recognizing these human and spiritual resources. They are former Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.; George Meany, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, and James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The Committee includes no recognized and responsible representatives of the more than twenty million members of minority groups who, because of increasing discrimination in employment, are barred from making their maximum contribution to production. Nor does it include responsible representatives of farmers', women's, consumer, religious and welfare groups. All these, it seems to me, should be represented and have a voice and vote in the work of the committee. It will not be enough to ask them to 'sell" the program after it has been formulated.

"Without questioning the good will of any member of the Committee, it would appear that the majority attitude may not, at the start, recognize the life-or-death importance of mobilizing all our human and material resources in a democratic, civilian way to make the maximum contribution in food, farm and industrial equipment, technological know-how and credit to this global effort to establish freedom.

"The ever-present danger is going to be that, instead of estimating how much we can help, we may wind up by estimating how little we can help. And anything less than the most we can do may be too little. A new Dunkerque for the cause of freedom is unnecessary. It should be avoided while there is time.

"We are dealing with a world emergency which America can not escape. If all Americans are counted in on the basis of economic justice, if they are fully informed in advance as to the nature and gravity of the emergency, - and if, for example, steps are taken now to insure fair employment opportunities for all - the resulting flood of production can surpass even that achieved in war. As a by-product, the United States of America will demonstrate to the world, particularly to the oppressed peoples of all nations, that freedom and democracy mean freedom and democracy for all. This global conflict between freedom and totalitarianism is a conflict of ideas and practice. The by-product of proof that we practice at home what we preach abroad will be worth billions in the volume of our production and in our standing among the peoples of the world.

" The great mobilization now starting requires complete understanding, participation and support. The effort may have to be continued for a generation. It may call upon our last ounce of strength and determination. It will have complete support only if all the groups I have mentioned understand it, participate in formulating its policies and methods and in their application.

"Specifically, such a mobilization urgently requires the enactment of permanent, not temporary, fair employment legislation now before the Congress in the Ives-Chavez bill against discrimination in employment. This and many other necessary steps must, to be successful, have the co-operative participation of all Americans who prize freedom and democracy as an ideal and as a practice in their daily working lives.

"It is to be hoped that the Committee, President Truman and the Congress will find ways to make such thorough co-operation a working fact in the days and years of the great ordeal we are now preparing to accept."

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September 24, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
2 17 W. 125th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Will you make every effort to attend a meeting of the policy committee of the National Council on Monday September 29 at 2 P.M. in the offices of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, 211 West 56th Street, New York City.

We need your help in making important decisions on our program to pass S984 in the next session of the 80th Congress.

Sincerely,

A Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Pass Senate Bill 984 and House Bill 2824

Partial List of Cooperating National Organizations

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Council on Race Relations
- American Federation of Labor
- Americans for Democratic Action
- American Friends Service Committee
- American Jewish Committee
- American Jewish Congress
- American Unitarian Association
- American Unitarian Youth
- American Veterans Committee
- Americans United for World Organization
- B'nai B'rith
- Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
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- Catholic War Veterans
- Central Conference of American Rabbis
- Church League for Industrial Democracy
- Committee of Racial Equality
- Common Council for American Unity
- Congregational Christian Churches (Council for Social Action)
- Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Council Against Intolerance in America
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Evangelical and Reformed Church, General Synod
- Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
- Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America
- Girl Friends
- Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the World
- Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America
- International Ladies Garment Workers Union
- Japanese-American Citizens League
- Jewish Labor Committee
- Jewish War Veterans of the United States
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- March on Washington Movement
- Methodist Church, General Conference
- Methodist Ministers' Union
- National Alliance of Postal Employees
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses
- National Bar Association
- National CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination
- National Community Relations Advisory Council
- National Conference of Christians and Jews
- National Consumers League
- National Council of Catholic Women
- National Council of Jewish Women
- National Council of Negro Women
- National Council of Student Christian Associations
- National Farm Labor Union, A. F. of L.
- National Negro Insurance Association
- National Religion & Labor Foundation
- National Urban League
- National Women's Trade Union League of America
- Negro Newspaper Publishers Assn.
- Omega Psi Phi
- Postwar World Council
- Presbyterian General Assembly
- Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Students for Democratic Action
- Synagogue Council of America
- Union of American Hebrew Congregations
- United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America
- United Council of Church Women
- United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union
- United Mine Workers of America
- United Packinghouse Workers of America
- United Transport Service Employees Union
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- Workers Defense League
- Young Men's Christian Association, National Board
- Young Women's Christian Association, National Board

NC-FEPC
Re Chicago Council

December 10, 1947

Miss Thelma [illegible]
118 East 46th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Thelma:

Just a word to say that we are planning to begin our drive for funds and build up propaganda for the 15th of January. It will continue through the 15th of February. I hope that we may be able to get sufficient funds to put you on the field at an early date. I cannot indicate at this writing just what time that will be.

It was good to see you while I was in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

Wc - FEPC
Nashville Div

July 3, 1947

Mrs. Rosie D. Phillips, President
Nashville Division, BSCP Ladies Auxiliary
2807 Torbett Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Friend and Sister:

Brother Bennie Smith and myself will be in Nashville July 10-13. I would like to have a meeting of the local FEPC council on the afternoon of the 10th. Won't you kindly get in touch with Brother Raymond request him to plan such a meeting. I want to tell them about the present status of the FEPC bills before Congress, and also get the committee active in raising funds to help the fight.

It will be a pleasure to see you again. Kindly remember me to Brother Phillips.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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June 3, 1947.

TO ALL AFL UNIONS.

GREETING:

At our sixty-fifth annual convention, held in Chicago, the American Federation of Labor reaffirmed its urgent call for congressional enactment of fair employment practice legislation and gave its unqualified endorsement to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC as the proper agency for the coordination of the great citizens' effort toward the enactment of this legislation.

Bills to accomplish this purpose have been drawn with the active support of the National Council and with the counsel of representatives of the American Federation of Labor. These bills have been introduced into both houses of the Congress under bi-partisan sponsorship and hearings are scheduled to begin on June 11 before a subcommittee of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

President William Green, speaking in Washington recently, declared, "On behalf of the American Federation of Labor, I call on every American to contribute to the utmost of his resources to the speedy passage of the Ivez-Chavez anti-discrimination bill."

Pursuant to the appeal of President Green, and at the request of Brothers David Dubinsky, A. Philip Randolph and Matthew Woll, we are convening a luncheon conference at Rosoff's Restaurant, 147 West 43rd Street, New York, on Thursday, June 12, at 12 o'clock noon, in order that we may jointly consider how best to implement and give practical expression to our Convention resolution.

We urge that all unions be represented at this conference and we shall appreciate your returning the enclosed reservation form not later than June 10, 1947.

Fraternally yours,

Martin T. Lacey
President

James C. Quinn
Secretary

Cost of luncheon - $1.75 per person including tip.

NC-FEPC
New York

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Central Trades and Labor Council

265 WEST 14th STREET

Room 901

NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

Please reserve .... places at the FEPC luncheon conference on Thursday, June 12th.

Signed..

Name of Organization..

Local Number..

Address..

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NC-FEPC
New York Council

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Elmer Henderson

217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

June 13, 1947

Mr. James C. Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer
Trades and Labor Council
265 West 14 Street
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Jim:

Just a word to express my gratitude from the bottom of my heart for the great job you did in making the trade union luncheon of AFL unions, June 12th, a success. It was a success beyond my fondest dreams, being a cross section of the union membership of greater New York.

Your statement to the luncheon was clear, sound and forthright, enabling the respresentatives of the unions to know just what it was all about.

Knowing of the busy life you are compelled to lead because of the many responsibilities and duties resting upon your shoulders, in the name of the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC I extend to you our heartfelt appreciation.

I am confident, because of the splendid response we received, of good results when the brothers take the message back to their local organizations. May I wish for you continued health and success. I am

Fraternally yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH

217 WEST 125TH ST

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H R REDDICK CHAIRMAN OF STEERING COMM.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

NC-FEPC
Tampa Br.

December 23, 1947

Mr. Harold H. Reddick, Chairman
Planning Committee
Tampa FEPC Council
[illegible] Ashley Street
Tampa, Fla.

Dear Brother Reddick:

I note your letter requesting statement of program for the record.

Committees I think necessary are as follows:

Steering Committee of seven or nine people. This Committee will be composed of the officials, ex-officio, and nine other persons. It will direct the business and program of the Council.

Church Committee - This Committee will try to get an FEPC Sunday arranged where the minister will preach on FEPC and take up a collection for the struggle.

Trade Union Committee - This Committee will contact all the trade unions and request contributions for FEPC.

Business and Professional Committee - This Committee will contact every business, white and black, it can requesting contributions for FEPC. It will also contact all of the professional men for the same purpose.

Special Gifts Committee - This Committee will call on individuals who have funds and ask them to make special contributions from five hundred to five thousand dollars.

Efforts should be made to contact all the social organizations in Tampa to get them to make a contribution to FEPC.

I hope this outline will be helpful. You may write Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Executive Secretary, National Council for a Permanent FEPC, 930 F. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. for literature, bills and program information.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR;hm

1606 Ashley St
Tampa Fla. Tampa Fla.
Dec. 16-47.

Dear Mr. Randolph.

The steering Committee of the Tampa local of the F.E.P.C. has come to the conclusion that a plea made by you in the form of a record, would be very helpful in our effort here, please have the record here by dec. 31st please let us hear from you at once.

Yours Sincerely

Harold W Reddick Ch-
E. Norman Stacy Secy
Rev) E. J. Wright
Perry Harvey
M. Gregory

Nat FEPC
St Paul Council

May 6, 1947

Mr. Sam A. Reid
243 St. Anthony
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Reid:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of March 18th in which you comment on the politics of Brother Jonas Schwartz. I was glad to receive your letter with your discussion of the meeting and the movement for FEPC. I am personally opposed to communists, both of the Stalinite and Trotskyite varieties. I have never discussed this matter with any of the individual members of our local council, but have stated my position on the platform.

I have never seen any evidence of any communist activity on the part of Brother Schwartz, to whom you refer. I mentioned him at the meeting because he has been unusually active in the fight for FEPC, and has made several trips to Washington at his own expense to share in the conferences for FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Contribution

March 19, 1947

Mr. Louis Reiss
Skirt Makers' Union
Local 23, ILGWU
151 West 33rd Street
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Brother Reiss:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of $[illegible] to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative fight and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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LESSING J ROSENWALD JENKINTOWN PA=

TRIED TO REACH YOU BY PHONE IN NEW YORK WEDNESDAY BUT FAILED. WONT YOU KINDLY LET ME KNOW WHEN AND WHERE I MAY HAVE A BRIEF CHAT WITH YOU ABOUT OUR FEPC LEGISLATIVE EFFORT.

A PHILIP RANDOLPH=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

NC-FEPC

May 29, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I have been trying to contact you without success and my secretary tells me that the telegram I sent you did not have my address on it. We are all working hard trying to get this FEPC legislation on the road to passage because of not only what it will mean to the minorities and democracy here at home but what it will mean to our foreign policy abroad. I hope you will help us. If you can give me a few minutes for a conference at your convenience you may reach me at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC-FEPC
NY council

LESSING J. ROSENWALD
JENKINTOWN, PA.

June 11, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 West 125th Street,
New York 27, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your letter of May 29th.

I am sorry that I have been so terribly busy in connection with the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons that I have not had an opportunity to arrange an appointment with you, nor does it seem likely that I will have until our bill is definitely out of the way.

I have received requests for assistance for so much legislation that I have had to refuse them all, feeling that my entire time and energy should be centered on the work I am doing concerning the Citizens Committee.

I hope you will understand my reason for not acceding to your request. If in the future I can be helpful to you, please let me know.

With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lessing J. Rosenwald

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NC–FEPC
NY Council

June 17, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of June 10th informing me of your concentration upon the Citizens' Committee on Displaced Persons and that you cannot undertake to support any other form of legislation at this time. I can appreciate your position in the matter.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

Nc-FEPC
NY Council

July 8, 1947

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Just a word to express my personal appreciation and the appreciation of the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, for your kind and valuable statement in support of S. 984.

I have been out of the city quite a bit on organizational duties, and also in the interest of FEPC. At a time convenient for you, I hope we may be able to have a chat about the FEPC bills in Congress, and the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

Room 5600
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

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June 13, 1947

Dear Senator Donnell:

May I thank you for this opportunity to present my views on S.984, a bill to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, on which your committee is now holding hearings.

I am in complete sympathy with the objective of this bill which is to make more effective a fundamental doctrine of the United States. To many of us the principle is so basic that we are apt to overlook the tragic violations of that principle both in spirit and in fact. The importance of the bill that is now before you lies in the opportunity it gives all of us to reaffirm our belief in and determination to abide by one of the precepts upon which our nation was built and has grown strong.

Intolerance has a subtle way of insinuating itself in our national consciousness. It is a favorite tool of our enemies, as we saw with tragic clarity during the war when Hitler tried to use his customary strategy of divide and conquer. We were strong enough to defeat that strategy, and we must now make ourselves strong enough to do the same thing in peace time.

It is my belief that this bill not only will be of tremendous importance at home, but in addition will have a very significant effect upon our relations with the other American republics. Citizens of many of the nations of the western hemisphere have been disturbed as they have encountered concrete evidences of discrimination in this country. Passage of this bill would serve the very real purpose of reaffirming

The Honorable
Forrest C. Donnell
Labor and Public Welfare Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

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NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

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their faith in us and prove to them that our democracy is a real and vital way of life and would help strengthen the bonds that have been developed over the years between the United States and other nations of this hemisphere.

Perhaps the most important provision of the proposed legislation is the opportunity for conference, conciliation and persuasion. This is an important educational process which must be the basis of true non-discrimination. Understanding comes only with knowledge; for without the information and the facts compliance can often be only a token action without the deep-seated belief in principle that knowledge of the facts can give. For this reason the machinery which is set up in the proposed bill can have a far-reaching effect by helping to erase unfair discrimination caused by lack of knowledge and understanding. Over the conference table differences can be ironed out, compromises can be reached, and an important educational technique perfected.

Because of my firm conviction of the importance of this bill, I am taking the liberty of hoping that you and members of your committee may see fit to give it favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

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Elmer W.

217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N. Y.

August 5, 1947

Mr. Nelson Rockefeller
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

On behalf of the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC I want to express our great appreciation for your contribution of one thousand dollars to carry on the fight to secure the enactment of Bills S 984 and H.R. 2824 for a fair employment practice. I assure you that this support is most helpful and greatly needed.

No doubt you have noticed by the press that our Fair Employment Practice Bills are meeting with violent and vicious opposition from the South. But we believe that it is possible to secure the enactment of this legislation if we can mobilize sentiment back of the fight.

While we were not able to get our Bills to the floor of the 80th session of Congress, we hope to get them to the floor of the session of Congress which begins next January 1948 and we are confident of victory. We hope we may have your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

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WILLIAM JAY SCHIEFFELIN
TRANQUILLITY FARM
ASHVILLE, MAINE

Sept. 1st 1947

Dear Mr. Randolph,

Owing to decreased income I am not in a position to donate $3000 to the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.

I regret to have to ask for repayment of my loan of $3000.00

Please authorize payments of one cheque for $1000 this month & one cheque for $1000 in March 1948 and one cheque for $500 in September a year from now.

If these repayments are made I will gladly donate $500.- to cancel the balance due on the loan.

The bank balance August 28th - was $4925.11.

Cordially Yours

Wm Jay Schieffelin

NC-FEPC
Executive Com

September 6, 1947

Mr. William Jay Schieffelin
Tranquillity Farm
Ashville, Maine

Dear Mr. Schieffelin:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 1st requesting payment of the loan of $3000 from the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

I am referring your letter to the Executive Committee with my recommendation that some payments be made to you on the loan. I want to express also our great appreciation for your generous spirit of cooperation.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Schieffelin. I hope that you both are enjoying your vacation.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

TRANQUILLITY FARM
ASHVILLE, MAINE

Sept. 11th – 47

Dear Mr. Randolph,

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 6th.

I am embarrassed by the postponement of the repayment of my loan. I am unable to meet my Federal tax on Sept. 15th and must pay a penalty.

A year ago I told the Council I would wait until all back salaries were paid up before asking for repayment.

Therefore I do ask for prompt approval.

I [illegible] Mr. Chapman and treasurer could do this.

Yours very Sincerely

Wm. Jay Schieffelin

Ack FGRG
Exec Com

Sept. 15th 1947

WILLIAM JAY SCHIEFFELIN
TRANQUILLITY FARM
ASHVILLE, MAINE

My dear Mr Randolph,

The cheque for $1000 came on Sept. 13th and enabled me to pay my Federal income tax. I feel very grateful!

I cannot be at the meeting on the 22nd. We expect to return Sept. 29th.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours

Wm Jay Schieffelin

March 17, 1947

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[illegible]
[illegible]
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother [illegible]:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of [illegible] to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative fight and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

PHONE GENEVA 9387

JONAS G. SCHWARTZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW
501 PENCE BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS

April 23, 1947

AIR MAIL

A. Philip Randolph
c/o Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 - W. 125th St.
New York, 27, N. Y.

My dear Brother Randolph:

Accept my congratulations upon the appointment of Elmer Henderson of Chicago as the executive secretary of the national FEPC Council. I am confident that on a long range basis, Mr. Henderson will prove to be a fine, thorough executive secretary. You may rest assured that you will have my continued support in our mutual interests for the passage of a national FEPC Bill.

I am, however, very disturbed by the fact that there appears to be no representation of the Negro Press on the National Council. Whatever your personal feelings may be with respect to the integrity of the Negro Press, I for one feel that such an omission is adverse to the best interests of the National Council.

My own acquaintance with various Negro papers in the last twenty years, and particularly since 1945, is that the Negro Press generally supports FEPC legislation and that we need that support, and we should do everything in our power to further cooperation of the Negro Press.

I therefore urge you to present this matter for consideration at the next meeting of the National Council. The matter should be determined by a democratic vote. I am sure that the majority of the National Council, when the matter is fairly presented to them, will agree with me that this was an inexcusable omission and that efforts should be employed to rectify this error.

I am confident that you will accept this suggestion not as a criticism, but from one who is vitally interested in the passage of federal FEPC legislation. The stakes are too large to allow for personalities to hinder the ultimate goal.

Best regards from Mrs. Schwartz and myself to you and yours, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Jonas G. Schwartz

JGS:is

NC-FEPC
Minneapolis
Council

April 30, 1947

Mr. James G. Schwartz
Attorney at Law
801 Pence Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Brother Schwartz:

Thanks a lot for your letter of April 23rd suggesting that a representative of the Negro press be placed on our National Board of Directors of FEPC. I will bring this matter to the attention of the Board when it meets. I am confident there will be no objection to a member from the Negro press sitting on the Board. I of course recommend any one who may be named by the Negro press for the Board. The fight of the Brotherhood with the Negro press has nothing to do with FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
International President

PHONE GENEVA 9387

JONAS G. SCHWARTZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW
501 PENCE BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS

August 16, 1947

A. Phillip Randolph
c/o Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
317 - W. 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

It pleases me no end to advise you that Miss Grace Langley has been retained as the Executive Secretary of the Minnesota FEPC Council. Miss Langley will take office on or about the first day of September, and in the interrum, she is taking a trip east to acquaint herself with the activities of similar organizations which are presently operating. I am certain that she plans on visiting with you during her Eastern trip.

It has been my contention that our own Council needed a permanent Executive Secretary to correlate the work of our group. This I am certain she will be able to do.

Very truly yours,

JGS:is

Nc - FEPC
Minneapolis
Council

August [illegible], 1947

Mr. James S. Schwartz
[illegible] Pence Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Friend Schwartz:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of August 16th informing me that the local Minnesota FEPC Council has employed an executive secretary in the person of Miss Grace Langley. I am very glad to hear this, and I am sure that much progress will be made by the Council. I hope I may have the opportunity of having a chat with her while she is in the East.

Cordially yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Kansas City Council of Negro Employees

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2513 PARK AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

November 11, 1947

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Clark Hotel
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Randolph:

We are very glad that you are to be the speaker for the F.E.P.C. mass meeting in Kansas City on November 23rd and are pleased that we, the members of the Kansas City Council of Negro Employees, have been given the opportunity of sponsoring the first of a series of F.E.P.C. meetings.

We have selected "The Fight for Freedom Continued" as the topic for discussion. We are sure that you will bring us up to date on the status of F.E.P.C. legislation and that this meeting will serve as sort of a "kick off" in reviving the fight to have effective measures against job discrimination passed. We hope that you will also touch upon some of other phases of the struggle for freedom, such as the fight against housing restrictions, the fight for adequate housing and federal aid for education, the fight against restrictive labor legislation, and the place of cooperatives in this fight for freedom. The Kansas City Council of Negro Employees, as you probably know, is quite interested in the development of cooperatives. It sponsors the largest community group sponsored credit union west of the Mississippi and is the organization which laid the ground work for the Wise Buyers Mart, the cooperative store which will open about the middle of December.

The Council plans to continue its support of the F.E.P.C program through its regular educational meetings which will be resumed when it moves to new and more adequate quarters in the building purchased by Wise Buyers Mart. We are sure that the active interest of most of the 600 adult members can be influenced through these meetings and that it will be possible from time to time to have the cooperation of Wise Buyers Mart in the use of its membership bulletin for publicity.

Rev. John W. Williams, local chairman of F.E.P.C., has probably told you that the mass meeting is to be held at St. Stephens Church at 3 p.m. on the twenty-third. The Kansas City Council of Negro Employees is accepting the responsibility for the expenses involved and is expecting to make a contribution to F.E.P.C. on that date. The F.E.P.C. Council will make an appeal for funds and receive all money raised at the meeting. We have asked Rev. Williams to preside and are clearing with him about our financial obligations in regard to your participation in this meeting. We hope that we may have definite details about these expenses soon.

We are looking forward to a very stimulating talk from you and hope that the above plans are satisfactory to you.

Yours, very truly,

Lewis Sewing - (R.C.)

Lewis Sewing, Vice President

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NC-FEPC
Kansas City
Council

December 8, 1947

Mr. Louis [illegible], Vice-President
Kansas City Council of Negro Employees
[illegible] Park Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

On behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, I want to express our deep appreciation for the interest and fine spirit of cooperation manifested by the Kansas City Council of Negro Employees. I assure you I was happy to participate in the meeting of your splendid organization. I want to congratulate you on your progress and bid you God speed.

Kindly remember me to all the officers and members.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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NC - FEPC
Los Angeles
Council

December 10, 1947

Mrs. Leonora B. Shaw
3720 [illegible] Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Leonora:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that I am having our office in Washington of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC send you some literature and material so that you may raise some funds for the fight for FEPC. Whatever funds you raise, kindly send them to Mr. Elmer Henderson, Executive Director, National Council for a Permanent FEPC, 930 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

I am back in New York hard at work, but I would like to be in sunny California, where there is no snow (smile).

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 20, 1947

Memorandum on attached confidential draft of a new FEPC Bill:

This new draft has the support of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC and of affiliated and co-operating minority, labor, religious and civic groups. This is the first time such wide agreement has been achieved.

The bill represents months of careful study and consultation by attorneys and persons familiar with the problem of discrimination in employment. Amendments and substitute bills proposed in earlier years have been examined and considered.

A number of substantial changes have been made, including the adoption of the Federal Trade Commission's method of enforcement by cease and desist orders and provision for full judicial review of Fair Employment Practice Commission decisions.

Coverage has been changed so as to exempt small employers.

Conciliation and education to promote fair employment are provided for.

The draft represents the minimum the Council feels to be necessary for effective action to reduce and eliminate discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry.

As stated in Sec. 2c, enactment is essential "as a step toward fulfillment of treaty obligations imposed by the Charter of the United Nations."

A more detailed comparison of the present draft bill with the earlier Senate and House Bills is available.

Paul Sifton
Director of Legislative Relations

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A COMPARISON OF THE NEW FEPC BILL WITH EARLIER BILLS

The new bill for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission incorporates many of the amendments and suggestions made during Congressional hearings and debate.

In its preparation, all previous FEPC bills and proposed amendments were examined and considered. Particular attention was given three types of bills previously proposed:

1. Substitution of a private civil suit for an administrative agency as a means of enforcing the act.
2. Establishment of a commission empowered to investigate, hold hearings and make recommendations, relying for enforcement exclusively upon injunction in the Federal Equity Courts.
3. Limiting the Commission to the making of recommendations.
4. Equipping the Commission with authority to enforce decisions through the Courts.

None of the first three types seemed adequate for the job to be done.

This bill provides for Court review and enforcement of the Commission's findings and directions. Instead of prohibitory orders enforceable by Court procedure similar to that provided in the National Labor Relations Act, as proposed in earlier FEPC bills, the new bill empowers the Commission to issue cease and desist orders, similar to Federal Trade Commission practice. The bill includes detailed provisions for judicial review and enforcement as provided by the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 and summarized later in this statement.

The bill authorizes the Commission to issue regulations, but it stipulates that the Congress by concurrent resolution at any time may veto and cancel such regulations.

The principal basic difference between the proposed FEPC bill and the Senate (S. 101) and House (HR. 2232) Bills reported out of Committee during the 79th Congress are:

1. The bill declares the Act to be enacted as a step in the fulfillment of treaty obligations, undertaken by ratification of the United Nations Charter, to promote "universal respect for, and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language and religion." Bill uses term "religion" (Sec. 2c) in stead of "creed" as found in the earlier bills.

2. The bill authorizes the Commission to assist employers upon their request in enforcing the Act through conciliation or other remedial action (Sec. 6h (5). Earlier bills had no similar provisions.

3. The bill specifically protects Federal and State veterans' preferences. (Sec. 13) Earlier bills had no such provisions.

4. The bill requires employers and labor organizations to post notices relating to the Act and provides a fine of from $100 to $500 fine for each separate offense or wilful violation of this requirement. (Sec. 12) Earlier bills had no such provisions.

5. Definitions of unfair employment practices have been restated:

> "SEC. 5 (a) It shall be an unfair employment practice for an employer:
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> > "(1) to refuse to hire, to discharge, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to his terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry.
> >
> > "(2) to utilize in the hiring or recruitment of individuals for employment any employment agency, placement service, training school or center, labor organization, or any other source which discriminates against such individuals because of their race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry.
> >
> > " (b) It shall be an unfair employment practice for any labor organization to discriminate against any individual or to limit, segregate or classify its membership in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive such individual of employment opportunities, or would limit his employment

opportunities or other-wise adversely affect his status as an employee or as an applicant for employment, or his wages, hours, or employment conditions because of such individual's race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry."

The earlier Senate Bill (Sec. 3) read:

"SEC. 3. (a) It shall be an unfair employment practice for any employer within the scope of this Act --

"(1) to refuse to hire any person because of such person's race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry;

"(2) to discharge any person from employment because of such person's race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry;

"(3) to discriminate against any person in compensation or in other terms or conditions of employment because of such person's race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry; and

"(4) to confine or limit recruitment or hiring of persons for employment to any employment agency, placement service, training school or center, labor union or organization, or any other source that discriminates against persons because of their race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.

"(b) It shall be an unfair employment practice for any labor union within the scope of this Act --

"(1) to deny full membership rights and privileges to any person because of such person's race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry;

"(2) to expel from membership any person because of such person's race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry; or

"(3) to discriminate against any member, employer or employee because of such person's race, creed, color national origin or ancestry.

"(c) It shall be an unfair employment practice for any employer or labor union within the scope of this Act to discharge, expel, or otherwise discriminate against any person because he has opposed any practices forbidden by this Act or because he has filed a charge, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under this Act." -- (Senate Bill - 101 79th Congress.)

The language of the new bill strikes at discriminatory classification or of union membership in status, powers, or participation in union affairs affecting employment. It will, its proponents believe, be accepted and actively supported by nearly all of organized labor.

6. The bill covers employers of 50 or more individuals (sec. 3b) and labor organizations having 50 or more members (sec. 3c) Earlier bills covered employers of 6 or more individuals and labor organizations having 6 or more members.

7. The bill specifically exempts a State, municipality, or political subdivision thereof, all religious, charitable, fraternal, educational or sectarian non-profit organizations except labor organizations (Sec. 4.) Earlier bills had no such specific exemptions.

8. The bill omits the blacklist as punishment for violation of the non-discrimination clause in Federal contracts. (Sec. 10) The earlier Senate bill (S. 101) provided that contracts might be withheld from violators for a period of 3 years (Sec. 13b) and the House bill (HR. 2232) provided a similar penalty of 1 year (Sec. 11b).

9. Because many Members who professed support of the principle of fair employment objected strenuously to some procedures and methods of enforcement proposed in earlier bills, denouncing them as snooping, high handed, arbitrary and violative of the spirit and letter of due process of law, the present bill's provisions for Procedure and for Judicial Review and Enforcement will be of particular interest. A summary follows, again comparing the bill with the earlier Senate and House Bills:

(a) The bill specifically provides that the Commission may act upon its own initiative or upon a sworn charge alleging discrimination in employment (Sec. 7a). Under the earlier bills, it was not clear whether the Commission might act upon its own initiative.

(b) The bill requires complaints to be filed within one year from date of alleged unfair employment practice (Sec. 7e). Earlier bills had no similar limitations.

(c) The bill requires proceedings under the Act to be held in conformity with Secs. 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Administrative Procedure Act, Public Law 404, approved June 11, 1946 (Sec. 7h) The advantages of uniform administrative standards are thus provided, including --

detailed notice with due regard for convenience of parties,

provision for settlements and adjustment by consent,

separation of investigative or prosecutive functions from adjudicative functions,

issuance of delaratory orders to terminate a controversy,

rules regarding issuance of subpoenas and penalty for failure to comply therewith,

statutory description of powers of hearings officers,

and statutory rules regarding evidence and decisions.

Comparable passages of the Senate (Sec. 10) and House (Sec. 7) bills were drafted before the passage of the Administrative Procedure Act and did not include similar detailed provisions.

(d) The bill makes judicial review and enforcement of the Commission's cease and desist orders subject to Secs. 10a, 10b, 10c, and 10e, of the Administrative Procedure Act (Secs. 8a and 8i). Under these provisions

the right to review is broadened

> the form of legal proceedings may include actions for declaratory judgments or writs of prohibitory or mandatory injunction or habeas corpus,
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> the scope of review is outlined,
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> the reviewing court may compel agency action that has been "unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed," and
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> the reviewing court may set aside agency action or conclusions found to be arbitrary or in abuse of discretion, in excess of statutory time limitations, without due observance of statutory procedure, unsupported by substantial evidence, unwarranted by the facts to the extent the facts are subject to trial de nove by the reviewing court, or contrary to constitutional rights and privileges.

It appears that the rights of the parties are fully and explicitly protected by those detailed provisions regarding procedure and judicial review and enforcement. The earlier Senate bill (Sec. 10e, Sec. 10f) and the House Bill (Sec. 8) provided for judicial review and enforcement of the Commission's orders in conformity with the comparable provisions of law governing orders of the National Labor Relations Board.

It will be interesting to learn whether the critics of the former bill will now object to the explicit adoption of the methods provided by the Administrative Procedure Act, recently passed by the Congress with overwhelming majorities in both Houses.

The proponents of the present bill believe every protection of the rights of the parties has been amply provided; their only fear is that, in doing so in such amplitude, justice may sometimes be delayed and as a result in effect denied the weakest and most necessitous groups and individuals among our wage-earning population. Undue delay will be best insured against by insistent public opinion and adequate appropriations for administration and enforcement.

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"Section 6 (h)

(7) to create such local, state or regional advisory and conciliations councils as in its judgment will aid in effectuating the purpose of this Act, and the Commission may empower them to study the problem or specific instances of discrimination in employment because of race, religious, color, national origin or ancestry and to foster through community effort or otherwise goodwill, cooperation and conciliation among the groups and elements of the population, and make recommendation to the Commission for the development of policies and procedures in general and in specific instances. Such advisory and conciliations councils shall be composed of representative citizens, residents of the area for which they are appointed, serving without pay, but with reimbursement for actual and necessary traveling expenses; and the Commission may make provision for technical and clerical assistance to such councils and for the expenses of such assistance."

June 30, 1947

To: Roy Wilkins, Chairman of the Executive Committee

From: Paul Sifton, Director of Legislative and Public Relations

Subject: Past Operations and Future Requirements

1. Prospects

With proper mobilization of nationwide sentiment for fair employment, S.984 can be made a law within the next twelve months. But proper mobilization requires

(a) adequate funds for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC,
(b) militant, well-informed and closely co-ordinated activity in support of S984 by affiliated and co-operating groups, nationally, in States, Congressional Districts, counties, wards, precincts and blocks.

As of this date, neither is on hand.

A start on funds has been made and, with the stimulus of Senate Hearings and (it is hoped) a favorable Senate Labor Committee report before Congress adjourns, the flow can be made to increase.

A program for nationwide activity is yet to be started.

Unless both funds and organization are developed in the next 60 or 90 days, there is danger that action on S984 will be delayed until the eve of the National political conventions and then that it will either be shelved by failure of cloture or emasculated by such amendments as Senator Smith's. There is also a danger that competition will be developed among fair employment, anti-poll tax and anti-lynching legislation, that two or all will be moved part way through Congress, with none or one becoming law.

A Republican group, led by Senator Saltonstall, plans a show-down to change the cloture rule, probably to a majority vote. Here the danger is that, if the move fails, it will be assumed that fair employment and other measures are dead. Actually, with proper mobilization, a two-thirds vote for cloture on S.984 can be had.

To insure a showdown on S. 984 early in the next session, at the latest, a nationwide demand for action must be developed this fall and early winter, prior to January 1, 1948. Every possible Senator must be approached for definite commitments on the bill and on cloture. Strength of the demand must be proved by meetings, resolutions, delegations, letters, etc. Similarly, strength of the demand must be demonstrated to Representatives and firm commitments obtained on the basis of the Senate bill.

As a practical matter, these proofs must be made also to ward, city, county, State and National Committeemen who are responsible to their party organizations for getting out the vote in 1948. Publicity will not fool these professionals. Only actual sentiment and intelligent and inflexible determination among the voters themselves will impress them. The slogan "FEPC-- or else we're not interested!"

would be effective if backed up by the determination of individual voters in conversations with workers for both major political parties.

2. Past Operating Experience.

Since late in December, 1946, when I undertook the job of legislative and public relations, the Council's operations have been restricted by a combination of handicaps, including

Lack of Funds,

Back debts,

Lack of Personnel,

Lateness in drafting and clearance of the bill (introduced March 27 instead of early in January, when it might have been considered and reported out ahead of the labor bill),

Breakdown of contact with local councils and other groups,

Inadequate liaison with members of the Board and their organizations,

Lack of up-to-date facts about location, nature and extent of discrimination in employment, etc.

At various times I have proposed plans for adequate operation and have prepared dummies and copy for basic folders and fliers. Because of lack of funds, etc., these have not been acted on.

Although engaged and paid on a part time basis, I have devoted nearly full time to Council work and have concentrated my efforts primarily on negotiations preliminary to introduction (including clearance of change with affiliated groups, the drafting committee, principal sponsors, etc., strengthening the Board of Directors, arranging the April 17 Board meeting, pressing for early appointment of a subcommittee to hold hearings, for the setting of a hearing date, for the makeup of the schedule of witnesses, and seeing to it that certain types of witnesses were invited to appear and that they accepted.

introduction

It should be emphasized that, in getting a green light for the bill from Senator Taft, the appointment of the Subcommittee, the setting of a hearing date by Senator Donnell, the lining up of Representative Fulton as the principal House sponsor, and many other steps, Mr. R. R. Church's work has been of prime importance and decisiveness. In my judgment, his help is vital to future work for enactment of S.984.

Ever since I began work, my effectiveness has been reduced by lack of funds for stenographic, clerical, research and writing personnel. With the exception of two weeks when I had first call on the services of an excellent stenographer, I had had only the partial services of Mrs. Hopson, (whose prime responsibility has been the complex job of keeping the Council's books and accounts, selecting the most urgent debts for payment, drawing checks, etc.,) and in recent weeks the partial services of a typist.

Under these circumstances, because I was in the chute so far as the Senate bill was concerned, I carried on as best I could. Many letters were not answered, many phone calls not made, releases, news-letters speeches and informational materials not written, many Congressional contacts postponed, etc., etc., Early in March, shortly before the bill was introduced, I turned down an attractive offer elsewhere because it required immediate acceptance, would have prevented further work with the Council and, had I left to undertake it, introduction of the bill might have been delayed.

So long as poverty made effective organization, staffing and operation impossible, I believed it a waste of time to discuss the whole inadequate scale of Council operation. Having undertaken the responsibility for legislative work, I determined to see the bill through the Senate hearings. That done, funds might be in sight. In any event, the question of the second and subsequent rounds in the fight could then be discussed.

That time has now arrived. In my opinion, the Council has been loaded with luck to date. The degree of success we have had, considering the late date of the bill's introduction, is due more to the strength and vitality of the demand for fair employment than to the Council's work. So far, we have been riding a need, a trend and the political anticipation of 1948.

Had we been adequately financed and in effective operation, both in Washington and throughout the Nation, S. 984 would be further along; as of this date, we would be certain of at least a favorable report and a place on the Senate Calendar before the recess. We might also be sure of House passage before the recess.

It is possible that we can ride the trend and 1948 political anxiety to enactment. But that is not at all certain. As I have already indicated, it is quite possible that, lacking organized demand, Congress will put on another inconclusive show or pass a meaningless "educational" bill at the last moment before the 1948 conventions. The rapidly developing international crisis may push fair employment legislation to the background or result in another *ad hoc* temporary device similar to Executive Order 8802. (See Mr. Randolph's press statement of June 24, 1947 on this point.)

Should the 80th Congress end without enactment of an effective fair employment law, most of the investment in the Council's work will have been lost. I am not willing to continue with a National Council that may lose the fight because it is inadequately financed, planned, organized, staffed and co-ordinated with affiliated and co-operating national, state and local groups. Now, for the first time since January 1, the Council can get the necessary funds, can plan, organize, staff and co-ordinate to do a job of mobilization that will make enactment of S. 984 a political must next winter, no matter what the national and world developments may be. If the National Council is to be operated as a Washington peanut stand with a stuck whistle, I want to check out, with all friendship and best wishes, with the recessing of Congress; if the Council is to be put on an operating scale equal to the job to be done, and if the Council so wishes, I will be willing and proud to continue.

3. Future Requirements.

In addition to fund-raising and field operations along lines proposed by Mr. Healy, both outside my field, a Legislative and Public Relations program for the next six months should include,

(a.) Basic informational material--

Pamphlet (triple fold) "The National Council for a Permanent FEPC--What It Is, What It Does, How It Works, How you Can Help" (dummy and copy prepared two months ago)

Film-- "Dollars in Your Pocket" (dummy & copy prepared two months ago.)

FEPC Manual (being revised by Aronson) Should include time table for Sept.- Dec. campaign, see below.

Text of the Bill, Summary and Comparison (Reprint of Fulton material in Congressional Record, unless made obsolete by Senate Bill as reported out of Committee)

Questions and Answers about the Bill (Chavez reprint, unless Senate Report makes references to sections obsolete and confusing)

(b.) Material for Organization and Promotion--

Basic Speech Outline

Basic local Radio Talk

Basic script for Radio Discussion (3 or 4 participants)

Printed Text of Senate Hearings (may be available in August, unless Senator Ives can speed up schedule)

Digest of Senate Hearings) Same editing job

Radio Feature Series Dramatizing Hearings) can be used for both requires skill in selection & representation.

Pamphlet - "The High Cost of Discrimination", based on Chavez Statement, to Committee, signed by Chavez.

Posters, Stickers, etc.

Musical, Dramatic Compositions on Fair Employment Theme (c.) A nationwide roundup of up-to-date facts about discrimination, process of available statistics, such as those used in Reuther testimony.

(d.) Exhibits, literature, representatives at principal conventions and adoption of new FEPC resolutions endorsing S. 984 - HR 2232 by national groups, including AF of L, CIO, etc.

(e.) A National Conference on Fair Employment at Washington in January, 1948, delegates to be named by national, state and local groups in fourth quarter of 1947, as part of mounting campaign for enactment. If possible, the date should be synchronized with the launching of the Senate floor fight for the bill and/or House hearings.

To carry out the Legislative and Public Relations end of the above program in Washington, the minimum need is for a thoroughly competent secretary at not less than $50 a week and, in addition starting in September a combination writer, researcher-press contact person at about $100-125 a week, both assigned full time to the department. If a writer-researcher could be found immediately, he or she could be put to work at once on some of the items listed above and much of the material gotten in shape by August 1 for processing. (The above assumes that much of the technical work required in the production of the items listed above can be subcontracted to such agencies as the American Jewish Committee which have the staff, know-how and facilities for preparing and processing copy, lay-outs, platters, posters, etc.)

In September, a second clerical person (typist-file clerk) should be added as the load of servicing and field contact grows.

4. The Nation's Responsibility and Function in the World Emergency and their Bearings on FEPC:

Although exact information as to the scheduled development of American mobilization in support of the Truman doctrine and Marshall plan is lacking, it appears that such mobilization is going on rapidly though on a piece meal basis that will generate resistance and fall short of the need in volume and speed. As stated in Mr. Randolph's comment on the appointment of a committee to survey world needs and American resources, the ultra-conservative character of the committee is disturbing. It may shortly seem wise to call an emergency meeting of the Council and affiliated and co-operating groups to insist that human values be surveyed and taken into account, along with material and dollar values, in order to do the all-out job that the world emergency requires. The civilian committee, chaired by Commerce Secretary Harriman, is to go to work on the findings of the other two committees late in July. This is a matter of high Council policy, to be thoroughly considered and thought through before calling such a conference. Perhaps a statement of the situation and a polling of the Board members on various lines of action would be in order.

Paul Sifton
Director of Legislative and Public Relations

Mr Aronson

To CO-CHAIRMAN A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

From PAUL SIFTON

Subject: Remarks in July 11, 1947 letter from James H. Anderson

1. Attached hereto is a copy of my reply to one of the critical comments made by Mr. Anderson in his letter to you under date of July 11, 1947. The particular comment related to our inability to arrange for the appearance of a California witness during the Senate hearings on S. 984.

2. The fourth paragraph of Mr. Anderson's letter expressed "disappointment in the lack of organization on the part of the Washington office in the conduct of the hearings and its lack of proper press releases and publicity." He expressed "the very strong feeling that you (Mr. Randolph) should personally take a hand in organizing the Washington office for the January activities."

Mr. Anderson's criticism is largely though not wholly justified. When he was here, it was obvious that he expected a rather extensive and thorough service operation to be available for witnesses and other members, affiliates and friends of the National Council.

We should have liked to furnish such service and in fact had planned a thorough job of coverage, reporting, analyses of testimony, releases, etc. But, for a number of reasons, this did not work out. The principal reason was money. The National Council at that time was so short of funds that mail was held up for lack of postage. I had had a secretary for three weeks and, when she became ill and left, the financial stringency made replacing her impossible. I had no assistant for press, hearing coverage or contact.

This matter of staffing has been discussed at Executive Committee meetings and it is my understanding that, upon my return from vacation, if funds permit I may have a full time thoroughly qualified stenographer-secretary at $50 a week assigned to my work. This is an absolute minimum for any efficiency of operation.

Of course, additional staff, such as a press and research assistant and, in January, an assistant for Hill work, would increase effectiveness. The Executive Committee will of course, fix priority as these phases and work in other phases such as field organization, servicing, etc., adjusting plans as funds permit or require.

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Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph

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cc Roy [illegible]

Contribution

March 19, 1947

Mr. Abraham Snyder
Corset & Brassiere Workers' Union
Local 32, ILGWU
[illegible] Broadway
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Brother Snyder:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of [illegible] to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative fight and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC-FEPC

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NCFEPC
Salt Lake City Council

April 30, 1947

Mrs. Amellie Stewart
[illegible] South 2nd East
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

Greetings to the Salt Lake City Council of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

Kindly contact Mr. Elmer Henderson, Executive Secretary of the National Council at [illegible] F Street, N. W., Washington, D.C., if you want material such as bills and other literature on FEPC.

Success to your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

APR:be

A. Philip Randolph
International President

Mr. Forde
[illegible]

May 1, 1947

Mrs. Helen Stuart
[illegible] Convent Avenue
Apartment [illegible]
New York [illegible], N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Stuart:

Bill [illegible] has told me that you have done quite a bit of leg work in an effort to make the [illegible] benefit a success.

Many thanks for your kindness. I only wish that we could get similar support from many more persons.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Tucson

December 9, 1947

Mr. Ormie Taylor
[illegible] Cherry
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Just a word on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC to express our great appreciation for your interest and fine spirit of cooperation in helping to develop a local council for a permanent FEPC in Tucson, Arizona. We will need the support of Tucson in the fight for FEPC in the 80th Congress. I know that Tucson will do its bit.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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KC-FEPC
Kansas City Council

December 10, 1947

Mr. Richard Tilden
[illegible] Garfield Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Tilden:

Just a word of remembrance and to express my appreciation for your fine spirit of cooperation in the fight for a permanent FEPC. The fight ahead is going to be increasingly difficult. I hope you will help the Kansas City Council for a Permanent FEPC as much as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

re FEPC
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April 7, 1947

Honorable A. Phillip Randolph
Co-chairman, National Council
for a Permanent F.E.P.C.
1208 E. 20th Street
Los Angeles 11, California

Re: Local F.E.P.C. Committee

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Your kind communication dated April 5 is before me today relative to the Tuesday meeting at the Y.W.C.A. to organize a local F.E.P.C. group.

May I take this occasion to extend my most sincere regrets that I will be unable to attend the Tuesday night meeting because of two fraternal meetings at the both of which I have important reports to submit. I would, moreover, hasten to assure you that I am most interested in participating in this local program and shall be happy to serve on any or all of the committees or to hold any position of responsibility in this connection, and either or to perform any service of which I may be called upon to perform for the progress of the movement.

Please feel to have the liberty to appoint or place my name in any capacity in which you feel that I may fit into your program. I shall make inquiry at the local office on Wednesday as to the proceedings of Tuesday night.

Again expressing my regret of my inability to meet with you at the Tuesday meeting, I ask the pleasure of remaining

Very sincerely yours,

Vince Monroe Townsend

Vince Monroe Townsend, Jr.

VMT:AD

Contribution

March 13, 1947

Mr. Joseph Tuvim
Ladies' Neckwear Workers Union
Local 142, ILGWU
131 West 33rd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Tuvim:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your contribution of $100 to the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC.

We will keep you informed of developments in the legislative fight and hope we can count on your continued cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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Assistant to the Director
and
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Therese L. Robinson
Asst. Grand Directress

September 1947

Dearest Phil,

I hope this will come as no shock to you, but Finley and Hobson dropped me from Elkdom on the ground that I created too much jealousy on the part of the women of the Order.

They also said Elkdom could not afford the expense of my Department and that I had neither broken Jim Crow in the Armed Forces nor obtained an FEPC – Hence they

"Freedom, Justice and Equal Opportunity for All"

saw no need of my services further.

Well here I am "a Fool and a Cause" going begging for a new sponsor.

Will you help me to think of something?

I am thinking of obtaining a new sponsor for my Army Jim Crow Fight and a new publisher for Information Please.

I am coming to your Office Sept 20 at 8:30 P.M. If you can see me over that weekend please write me at once so that I can make necessary arrangements to stay-over in New York.

Please write me - 3843 Gratz Street at once.

Love,

Pauline

P.S. I go out of Elkdom under a flow of Compliments such as "So Sincere" - "So Brilliant" - "Did mighty fine job" - These are "Hob's" and the "Grand's" statements.

6 P.M.

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Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren, Elgin

(Partial List)

June 4, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, National President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Confirming our phone conversation today I would like to advise you of the luncheon meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Council to discuss with you local support for the National FEPC Bill. The meeting will be at the YWCA, 59 E. Monroe Street on Friday, June 6 at 12:30 P.M.

I would like to point out that the members of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Council constitute those organizations most concerned with the problem of a fair employment practices law and both as individual organizations and collectively as the Illinois Council should be in a position to render valuable support to a federal bill.

Sincerely yours,

Albert J Weiss

ALBERT J. WEISS
Technical Director

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(See other side for list of affiliated organizations)

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  - Local 87
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- B'nai B'rith Mattoon Auxiliary, Mattoon
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- Campus Youth Fellowship, Bloomington
- Canaan Baptist Church
- Catholic Labor Alliance
- Catholic Youth Organization
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- Chicago Council of Negro Women's Organizations
- Chicago Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers
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- Cook County Bar Auxiliary
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- Evanston Civil Rights Committee, Evanston
- Evanston Interracial Council, Evanston
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- Fellowship of Reconciliation
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- Forty-fifth Senatorial District FEPC Council, Springfield
- Friendship House
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- Independent Voters of Illinois
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- International Relations Club, Bloomington
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- Jewish Community Council, Peoria
- Jewish Labor Committee
- Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order
- Jewish War Veterans, Division of Illinois
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- North Shore Citizens Committee, Highland Park
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- North Shore Joint Council for FEPC
- North Shore Teachers Union, Northfield
- Oil Workers International Union, CIO
  - Local No. 368, Lawrenceville
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- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
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- Quad City Industrial Union Council, CIO, Rock Island
- Rockford Committee for an Illinois FEPC
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- Twenty-sixth Senatorial District for FEPC, Bloomington
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  - Chicago
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Re-FEPC Kansas City Council

December 10, 1947

Rev. J. Whallion
[illegible] Tracy Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Rev. Whallion:

Just a word of remembrance and to express on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC my sincere appreciation and thanks for your interest and cooperation in rebuilding the Council in Kansas City, Missouri. I was greatly pleased with the meeting held on November 23rd in your church. I think it is indicative of a growing spirit and interest among the people for FEPC.

While I was in Chicago, a week before I came to Kansas City, a luncheon was held at the Morris Eat Shoppe which was attended by fifty people, and we raised $1600 at the luncheon. May I suggest that you plan a similar luncheon or dinner meeting for Kansas City and develop a good selected list of white and colored people who may be prepared to make contributions to FEPC. This might be a good time to launch the financial campaign for funds for FEPC.

I plan to attend a similar luncheon that will be planned for St. Louis by Rev. Cook, and when the date is set, I will let you know so that if you plan a luncheon or dinner meeting around that same time I will plan to come to Kansas City for the occasion.

With cordial good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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AIRMAIL

Dear Philip:

Your telegram about the FEPC bill arrived while I was in Washington on the day it was supposed to have been introduced. Because of an effort to secure another sponsor, introduction was delayed from March 26 to March 27. I am sure you have seen notice of it in the papers by now.

Please reassure the people on two important points: (a) although Senator Ives stressed, as did the newspapers, that "this is not an FEPC bill," it is really an FEPC bill and it is the bill behind which the National Council is putting its full strength; (b) although Senator Ives stressed the conciliation, education and persuasion elements of the bill, no enforcement powers have been sacrificed in this bill and all essential powers are there.

As you perhaps recognized from the news stories Senator Ives was attempting to woo supporters for this legislation by painting the softer side of the bill. Unfortunately, his speech may have given the impression to our supporters that we had sacrificed the strong features in order to get a bill that would be palatable. Such is not the case. Since you are already on the field it is important that this message be brought to the people whenever you have an opportunity.

Matters are proceeding slowly, but we believe that with the announcement that the bill has been introduced our councils will be revived, new support rallied and funds will begin to come in.

All of us will be glad to have your suggestions, directed either to Dr. Chalmers or to me here as Chairman of the Administrative Committee.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
1716 - 7th Street
Oakland, Calif.

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April 21, 1947

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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

There will be an important meeting of the Executive Committee Friday, April 25th, from 10:30 to 12 at the offices of the National Council, 33 West 60th Street, Room 206.

Will you kindly advise us on the enclosed post card whether or not you will be present.

Cordially,

Roy Wilkins

Roy Wilkins
Chairman
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=MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS NATIONAL COUNCIL FEPC HAS BEEN CALLED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 17 IN WASHINGTON AT WILLARD HOTEL WITH BUSINESS SESSION 4 PM AND DINNER MEETING 6:30 WHERE WILLIAM GREEN JAMES B CAREY AND SENATOR IVES WILL SPEAK. THIS IS CRITICAL AND STRATEGIC MEETING WITH IDEA OF PRESENTING IMPRESSIVE UNITED FRONT TO COUNTRY AND SPONSORS ON THE PENDING BILLS. MR. CHALMERS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT ACCOUNT OUT OF TOWN TRIP WHICH CANNOT BE CANCELLED. APRIL 17 DATE SELECTED BECAUSE GREEN COULD BE PRESENT AND WE REGARDED THIS AS COMPELLING REASON. USED YOUR NAME IN SECURING HIS CONSENT. THEREFORE ALL OF US HERE URGE YOU TO BE PRESENT IN WASHINGTON APRIL 17. YOUR PRESTIGE AND PERSUASION URGENTLY REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE. HOPE YOU CAN CUT OFF ONE DAY YOUR DENVER STOP AND COME STRAIGHT THROUGH TO WASHINGTON. PLEASE WIRE ME=

ROY WILKINS 20 WEST 40TH STREET.

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WITH FAVORABLE ACTION OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE YESTERDAY THERE APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST EVEN CHANCE THAT FEPC BILL CAN REACH HOUSE FLOOR BUT INTENSIVE WORK NECESSARY ON HOUSE LABOR COMMITTEE AND IN OTHER AREAS. MOST IMPORTANT THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1:30 PM, ARNOLD ARONSON'S OFFICE 295 MADISON AVENUE=

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June 23, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
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Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: The files of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC

FROM: Roy Wilkins, Chairman, Executive Committee

Copies to:
Dr. Chalmers
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Mr. Aaronson
Mr. Randolph ✓
Mr. Henderson

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At the instruction of the Executive Committee, an advertisement was placed in the New York TIMES for Sunday, July 6, seeking a tenant for our 2000square feet of office space at 33 West 60th St., rooms 206-207.

Most of those who inquired felt instantly that the price of $3 per square foot was too high, but Mr. Stern of the L.D. Stern Co., 152 West 44nd Street, appeared interested and after taking his client to see the space, consulted with me. He stated that his client did not wish to begin paying rent until October 1 but when I told him that was too far off, he then said that he would start paying September 1. Later I informed him about the $1800 in fixtures, the telephone installation costs, etc., and he suggested to begin paying rent August 1 and taking over the fixtures without additional payment. I told him I would have to consult with other members of our Board before I could agree to this.

We were unable to find our copy of the lease so a meeting was arranged in the office of the Fabrics Purchasing Company, 510 - 6th Avenue, from whom FEPC is leasing the space. There Mr. Stern and his client, Mr. Gradowski of the Cardinal Associates, Inc., together with Mr. Rattner of Mr. Delson's office, and I went over the lease. This was on July 9.

Everything seemed to satisfy Messrs. Stern and Gradowski except Mr. Rattner's rather emphatic suggestion that some additional money should be paid for the lights. I told Mr. Stern that many of our committee members were out of the city and I would have to consult them and would give him some word on July 10.

I consulted with Roderick Stephens who had his credit man look up Mr. Gradowski after Mr. Rattner reported that the attorneys for the owners of the building were hesitant to accept Gradowski as a tenant, doubting his financial ability.

Mr. Stephens' credit man found that Mr. Gradowski had $30,000 in the bank, $20,000 in an open account and $10,000 in a special account. It was Mr. Stephens' opinion that this was a reasonably good risk for us to take, since we would be still on the lease. The credit man also found out that Mr. Stern enjoys an excellent reputation in real estate circles and is known as a dealer of integrity. I then telephoned Col. Schieffelin in Nashville, Maine, explained the situation to him and it was his opinion that it was a reasonably good risk. I also discussed this matter with Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Isaiah Minkoff, as well as Mr. Delson.

In the light of the above information Mr. Rattner was instructed to go ahead and prepare the necessary papers, and he and Mr. Stern were to confer on July 11 on these, since Mr. Delson had kindly offered the services of his office in drawing up any needed papers.

After all opinions had been secured and the deal practically closed, Mr. Stern telephoned me late on July 10 and mentioned his commission which is 3½%, and 1½%, the regular rate set by the Real Estate Board. The total of this commission is roughly $275. He said he could not collect it from his client because the client did not anticipate paying rent before September 1 at the earliest and preferred to begin paying rent October 1. Since he had agreed to begin paying rent August 1 he did not feel he could pay the commission. I told him I would take up the matter of the commission with our committee after Mr. Aaronson's return from vacation on July 22.

Incidentally, another real estate operator, Mr. Abe Lewis of West 42nd Street, telephoned several times about the space, but said flatly that the price was too high by at least $1 a foot, but that if we could get together on a deal at somewhere around $2, or $2.25, a foot, he might have a client.

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July 15, 1947

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FROM: Roy Wilkins, Chairman, Executive Committee

Copies to: Dr. Chalmers
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Mr. Aaronson
Mr. Randolph
Mr. Henderson

On July 14 Mr. Stern and Mr. Gradowski came to the office with the lease and rider which had been prepared by Mr. Delson's office.

Both documents named the Cardinal Associates, Inc., and Mr. Gradowski as an individual. Mr. Rattner of Mr. Delson's office telephoned to say that had been done because it was his understanding that the bank accounts were in Mr. Gradowski's name and not that of his corporation. However, both Mr. Gradowski and Mr. Stern protested loudly that the bank accounts were in Mr. Gradowski's name only temporarily until the corporation had received its charter. They said the corporation now had its charter and that the funds had been transferred. They also offered to sign the checks they had given me on July 11 in the name of the corporation as evidence that it did have funds.

I telephoned Mr. Stephens who stated that his credit man had been told by a Mr. Reedy, vice-president of Gradowski's bank, that the funds were to be transferred to the corporation account. Mr. Stephens felt that the deal was above board and that we ought to go ahead.

Therefore I struck out Mr. Gradowski as an individual on both documents, we both initialled the eliminations and the lease and rider were signed.

There remains only the execution of an ordinary bill of sale for the light fixtures in the space we are turning over, together with the securing of the consent of the owner, Savoy Estates, Inc, to our subleasing to Cardinal Associates. The lease was made subject to the securing of such consent within 10 days.

Our copy of the lease and rider will be sent to Mr. Schieffelin in Maine for his signature.

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November 28, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Will you make every effort to attend an important meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC on December 8, 10:30 a.m. in the offices of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, 295 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Please confirm by letter.

Sincerely,

Roy Wilkins

Roy Wilkins,
Chairman, Executive Committee

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December 1, 1947

Mr. Roy Wilkins
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wilkins;

Permit me in the absence of Mr. Randolph to thank you for your letter informing him of the date and time of the Executive Committee meeting of the National Council. As you probably know he is out of the city and is not expected back until the latter part of December and hence will not be able to attend the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Alves, Secretary to
A. Philip Randolph

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH PRESIDENT BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR
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February 19,1947

Mr A Philip Randolph
211 W 56th St.,
New York N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I am very much interested in your great movement and I am sure that we can win if we keep up the fight. I am with you heart and soul and our Department of Civil Liberties of the I.B.P.O.E.W. will help you to put this program over.

I would have been with you at the Broadway Tabernacle Church but was with Iola Lodge at Xenia Ohio and with the boys of Wilberforce where I had been booked for months, which made it impossible for me to get away, but you may depend upon me to cooperate with you in the future as I have in the past.

Trusting all goes well with you and hoping to hear from you in the near future, with kindest regards to all of your co-workers, I remain

Yours very truly & sincerely,

J. Finley Wilson

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Grand Exalted Ruler.

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February 28, 1947

Mr. J. Finley Wilson
Grand Exalted Ruler
Improved Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks of the World
P. O. Box [illegible]
Washington 13, D. C.

My dear Friend:

Thanks a lot for your letter of February 19th assuring us of your deep interest in the fight of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, of which you graciously consented to be a member of its National Board of Directors. I know that you are with us and we will be calling upon you from time to time for your counsel and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

Re FEPC
New York
Council

[illegible]
[illegible]

217 W. 125 St.
New York 27, N.Y.

June 11, 1947

Mr. Matthew Woll, Vice President
American Federation of Labor
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend Mat:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC want you to know that they appreciate your interest and cooperation with the Council in lending your influence, advice and activity in the planning of the trade union luncheon of AFL local unions. It was a great success, a success beyond my anticipation. The response was marvelous, and it was a fine cross section of unions in greater New York.

May I say that your appeal for funds, preceded by your discussion of the FEPC and labor was a masterpiece. I enjoyed immensely your forthright comments on unions that have not yet taken out the color clause of their constitutions.

I think the luncheon aside from serving as an agency for raising funds for [illegible] was of fine spiritual benefit and inspiration to the representatives of the trade unions, involving them in this enterprise which is of such basic import and significance to our democratic institutions and way of life.

Fraternally yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 17, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President
217 West 125th Street
New York, 27, New York

Dear friend Randolph:

Thanks for your letter of June 13. I will only be too happy to be of service to your Committee. Please let me know what I can do to help.

With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours,

Matthew Woll

MATTHEW WOLL

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August 6, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
212 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I was delighted to receive your letter of August 5, but I am sorry to note that the responses ~~from~~ the appeal presented on June 12th at Rosoff's Restaurant did not bring in better returns.

Surely there must have been more than what you indicated in your letter. You suggested a follow-up letter ought to be carried out. I shall be happy to get in touch with Brother Quinn about this matter.

If there is anyway that I may further help out in this matter, please let me know and I shall be happy to do so. Looking forward to seeing you at the coming convention in Chicago, I remain with every good wish

Cordially and fraternally,

Matthew Woll

Matthew Woll

MW:JM

National Community Relations Advisory Council

295 Madison Ave.
New York 17, N. Y.

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from the desk of ARNOLD ARONSON

[illegible] Council

Dear Phil

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent over your signature to Matt Woll

Regards

Arnie

September 5, 1947

Mr. Matthew Woll
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Woll:

I am sorry I was unable to reply earlier to your letter of August 6, but, unfortunately, I have been out of the city since that time.

I have carefully checked the contributions received as a result of the luncheon at Rosoff's and find that in addition to those listed in the enclosed follow-up appeal, contributions have been received as follows:

American Federation of Musicians, Local 802	-	$250
Milk Wagon Drivers	-	250
Bakers Union, Local 3	-	25
Bakers and Confectionery Workers, Local 579	-	25
Brush Makers Union, Local 16303	-	10
	Total	$560

Although we deeply appreciate these contributions, they are obviously insufficient to enable us to carry on the kind of program that will lead to the enactment of a fair employment practice law.

Following is a list of those who pledged financial support to the National Council at the luncheon but who as yet have failed to implement their pledges:

Ben Boyar, Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers Union
J. Monahan, Kings County Employees, Local 994
E. Wertheimer, Retail Clerks Joint Council

Dorothy Burton, State, County and Municipal
Employees, Local 663
David Kaplan, New York Teachers Guild
James Kerr, Teamster Union, Local 602
Herman Nagler, Greater New York Joint Board
Bakers Union
Phil Heller, Knitgoods Workers Union
S. Nehama, Dressmakers Union, Local 22
Building Service Employees Union
Association of Letter Carriers, Local 36
Blasters and Drillers Union, Local 29

Anything you can do to secure funds from the above unions and from the many others who have failed to respond to the mail appeal will be very much appreciated.

Cordially and fraternally,

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
Co-Chairman

AR:mr

CENTRAL TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
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265 WEST 14TH STREET, NEW YORK 11, N. Y.
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July 8, 1947.

TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS — GREETINGS:

At our Sixty-fifth Annual Convention, held in Chicago, the American Federation of Labor called for the speedy enactment of federal legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry, and designated the National Council for a Permanent FEPC as the instrumentality through which our efforts in this regard should be directed.

Pursuant to this mandate, President William Green and other officers of the American Federation of Labor are serving on the Board of Directors of the National Council, and on June 20, President Green, on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, appeared before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to urge the passage of the Ives-Chavez Anti-Discrimination Bill (S. 984).

On June 12, the Central Trades and Labor Council convened a meeting to consider how we might best implement the resolutions of our National Convention with regard to the problem of discrimination in employment. Discussion at that meeting revealed that, despite a meager budget of $9,000 per month, the National Council for a Permanent FEPC is currently operating at a substantial deficit and, consequently, is unable to put into effect the kind of program necessary to enact the legislation to which we are committed.

Contributions to the National Council were announced at that meeting in the amount of $5,000 each from the International Offices of the United Mine Workers of America and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. Representatives of local unions pledged to take up this matter at the next meeting of their respective Executive Boards, as a result of which contributions have already been received from Local 88, Masters, Mates and Pilots of America ($250); Local 174, Butchers Union ($100); and Local 2, American Federation of Teachers ($100).

It was unanimously resolved by the more than 100 delegates present that a communication be sent to all A. F. of L. unions urging that they contribute their financial as well as moral support to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

It is pursuant to the above resolution that this letter is being sent to you. We hope that you will make your contribution as generous as possible. Please mail contributions directly to:

National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N.W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Thanking you for your co-operation, we are

Fraternally yours,

Martin T. Lacey
President

James C. Quinn
Secretary

419 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona
October 30, 1947

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/O Mr. Ed Melton
3325 Whiteoaks Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am writing you for advice on the meeting of the planning committee, of the Council for FEPC, to be held next Tuesday, November 4, 1947, at the home of Mr. Crede Taylor.

While talking with Mr. Taylor this morning by Telephone, he asked if I would be in town for the meeting. I informed him that I would not. He then asked me to have a representative at the meeting. I promised him that I would. However, I thought it advisable to write you concerning the matter.

There is only one person connected with the Brotherhood, other than my daughter, here in Tucson who I would consider eligible to represent me at this meeting. Sister Ophelia Wallace Recording Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary. However, as I explained to you during our conversation Wednesday October 29th, Sister Wallace was at one time active in the Communist Party, here in Tucson. I talked with Sister Wallace, and she states that she has not been active in the Communist movement for some time, and that she has no intention of having anything further to do with the movement. According to her she was misled as so many others were, by their former Pastor.

Kindly advise me if I should appoint Sister Wallace, or my Daughter, who incidentally will be Secretary, to represent me at the meeting. I will go out on my run to-day and will be back in Tucson, Saturday, November 1, 1947.

Fraternally yours

E. A. Woods

E. A. Woods, Secretary-Treasurer
Tucson Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Tucson Rd

December [illegible], 1947

Mr. [illegible], Secretary-Treasurer
[illegible]
[illegible]
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Brother Woods:

Just a word to express my appreciation and thanks for the fine hospitality extended to me in your home while in Tucson. May I hope that Sister Wood is much better and is well on her way to recovery.

Remember me also to [illegible], your daughter.

I want to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation you gave in setting up the Tucson, Arizona Council for a Permanent FEPC. I hope it is moving progressively forward.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

cc: Miss Glover

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NY Council

April 28, 1947

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Tex McCreery
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McCreery:

I am writing at the suggestion of your manager who spoke with Mr. Walter Kirshenbaum about the possibility of your interviewing A. Philip Randolph on May 2, 1947. Mr. Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and co-Chairman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, has been the spearhead of the FEPC movement since 1941 when President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802 creating a war-time FEPC.

For the entertainment program at our FEPC benefit ball on May 9th, at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Avenue and 142nd Street, we should like to invite you and Mrs. McCreery to appear. The program to date includes Duke Ellington, Louis Jordan, Larry Winters, John Mason, Dave Wayne, Jimmy Daniels, Willie Bryant, and Ralph Cooper. We feel that the appearance of Mr. Randolph on your morning broadcast would be excellent advance publicity for the benefit. Our reason for specifying May 2nd is that Mr. Randolph will be out of town before and after that date.

It is important that we hear from you at your earliest convenience so that we may add you and Mrs. McCreery to our entertainment list if you are able to be with us. There is a possibility of having this program broadcast.

Sincerely yours,

William Worthy,
Executive Secretary
New York Council for a Permanent FEPC

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

National Council for a Permanent FEPC

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Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
Co-Chairman
National Council - FEPC
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Sir and Brother:

For the past five weeks, the Los Angeles Chapter has concentrated its energy in the mailing of a letter to some 7000 people with a telephone call follow-up, urging people to contact their Senators for floor priority for FEPC. This proved a very successful project.

I notice from the papers that there is a possibility of your being in the city sometime in May. If this be true, please notify us immediately so that we can arrange a luncheon for you.

It is necessary that you let us know the date that you will be here immediately so that we may make the proper plans to insure its success.

Fraternally yours,

James H. Anderson (sl)

James H. Anderson, Chairman
CONTACT COMMITTEE

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WRITE OR TELEGRAPH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT
SENATE BILL 984 AND COMPANION BILLS IN THE HOUSE

Re FEPC
[illegible]
Los Angeles

May 6, 1948

Mr. James E. Anderson, Chairman
Contact Committee
Los Angeles Council for a
Permanent FEPC
4606½ South Central Avenue
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Dear Brother Anderson,

Just a word to thank you for your letter of April 29th informing me of the splendid work of the Los Angeles Council for FEPC.

Relative to my being in Los Angeles in the near future I have no plans to come to Los Angeles at present.

Sincerely yours,

APR:bm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

EARL D. THOMAS, Principal GIRARD T. BRYANT, Vice-Principal CAROLYN E. BRYDIE, Counselor

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
2111 WOODLAND AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 8, MISSOURI

February 10, 1948

Dear Philip:

Congratulations upon getting the Bill out of the House Committee. Each gain is encouraging to those who are working to secure passage of a good FEPC Bill.

The group here is working and I attend the meeting whenever I know about them and can make it convenient to do so.

It has been reported here that you are accepting a place on the ticket headed by Mr. Wallace. Is this true and if so, what office are you a candidate for?

We are making Political progress here. We will have a Negro to run for the City Council. We may not be successful this time, but we will eventually. We have received increased consideration from the County Committees here. There is in progress of operation, a State-wide program that will enable us to make further strides. They know what we are after and we believe we will get it.

The turmoil which the Civil Wrights message, together with the FEPC Bill, has created is, in my opinion, good. It is fine when people become aroused about their conduct. With all that is pointing toward increased, improved race-relations, there is bound to come greater good from this activity. The old die hard, especially the sinful old, and Jim Crow is much too old and far too sinful to have an easy death.

Best wishes to you and hearty congratulations. May you continue to see visions and build bridges.

Sincerely
Bobbie

Ex NC FEPC
Kansas City Council

March 1, 1948

Miss Bobbie Arnold
[illegible] Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Bobbie:

Just a word of remembrance. I was glad to see you at the FEPC dinner. I think it was a great success. I am glad to know of your interest in the political situation.

I am sending you a copy of the editorial of mine on "Wallace For President", which appeared in the BLACK WORKER. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BE
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for a **Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee**

930 F Street, N. W., Washington 4, D. C.

Please address your reply to
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NY Council

January 23, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
National Brotherhood of
Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is some material which you might find worth reading in advance of your meeting with Cardinal Spellman. The marked quotation on page 12 of the FEPC Reference Manual may suggest an approach on which an appeal for funds to Catholic businessmen could be based.

I hope the cold is much better.

Cordial regards,

Arnie

Arnold Aronson

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Enc.

OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
Pass Senate Bill 984 and House Bill 2824

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March 1, 1948

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations
Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arny:

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:bhs
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March 16, 1948

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Arny:

Find enclosed copies of letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July [illegible], 19[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] Advisory Council
[illegible]
New York, New York

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory. [illegible]

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]
[illegible]

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Economic Cooperation Administration

Office of Special Representative in Europe

Paris, July 11, 1948

Dear Phil:

Your letter of July 6 just reached me here in Paris. I appreciate wholeheartedly your generous expression of confidence and the good wishes. This is going to be an exceedingly tough job and I will need your continuing interest, advice and support in order to do it well.

In order to be able to keep in touch with the developments at home, and especially with your activities, as well as the work of the National Council for permanent FEPC, I would appreciate very much being put on the mailing list for any statements and press releases from you and from the Council. If it isn't too much to ask, I would like to get anything of importance by airmail.

I will miss the battles at home in which we have been associated and will look forward to seeing you again before too long.

Fraternally yours,

Boris

Boris Shishkin
Chief
Labor Division

A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

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July [illegible], 19[illegible]

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[illegible] Relations Advisory Council
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

Find enclosed copies of letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]
[illegible]

November 4, 1948

Hon. Charles L. Watkins
Parliamentarian, U.S. Senate
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Watkins:

We have been studying the debate during the recent special session of the Congress on the motion of Senator Wherry to take up H.R. 29, commonly known as the anti-poll-tax bill.

As you know, an attempt to invoke cloture in order to limit debate on the motion to consider was ruled out of order by the president pro tem, Senator Vandenberg. An appeal from this ruling of the chair was similarly ruled as falling outside the definition of "measure" under rule XXII and hence not subject to cloture.

It is our understanding that Senate rule VII provides that a motion to consider a bill, if made before 2 p.m. is not debatable. We should very much appreciate your advice as to whether, assuming that Senator Wherry made his motion before that hour, a point of order could have been raised under rule VII whereby H.R. 29 would have become the official business before the Senate without further debate. If Senate rule VII was not applicable in this situation, would you kindly advise us under what circumstances and according to what procedures it could have been utilized.

We shall very much appreciate your advice in this matter and we are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Yours truly,

ARNOLD ARONSON

October 28, 1948

Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey
890-19 Avenue, S.E.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mayor Humphrey:

This is to advise you that Roy Wilkins, who is Chairman of our Executive Committee as well as the Associate National Director of the NAACP will arrive in St. Paul tomorrow evening and will be there until Sunday noon. If you believe that his presence can be utilized to further your campaign through an appearance with you or through the issuance of a statement expressing appreciation for your fight on behalf of civil rights, I know that he will be most happy to help. You will be able to reach Mr. Wilkins by 'phone at the home of Dr. J. W. Crump, 639 Fuller Avenue, St. Paul.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a copy of a release which we are sending out today to our affiliated organizations in Minnesota and to the Minnesota press calling attention to the fact that Senator Ball failed to acknowledge our recent questionnaire in contrast to your unequivocal answers. I sincerely hope that this material may prove of some assistance.

With every best wish for your success on Tuesday, I am

Sincerely yours,

ARNOLD ARONSON

November 6, 1948

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations
Advisory Council
295 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Arny:

Find enclosed checks with copy of letters that are self-explanatory.

I would suggest that you send an official receipt to each one of these contributors. I have written them a letter of appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha
encs.

A. Philip Randolph
International President

Aronson

November 12, 1948

Mrs. Elise Hopson
Nat'l. Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Hopson:

I have deposited $650 to our account in the Amalgamated as follows:

Mr. Leo Spitz Universal Internat'l. Studios Universal City, Calif.	-- $200
Mr. William Goetz Universal Internat'l. Studios Universal City, Calif.	-- $ 50
George P. Skouras Skouras Theaters Corp. 1501 Broadway, N.Y.C.	-- $100
Spyros P. Skouras 20th Century Fox Film Corp. 444 W. 56 Street, N.Y.C.	-- $150
Dore Schary Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Culver City, Calif.	-- $100
Joseph R. Vogel Loews Incorporated 1540 Broadway, N.Y.C.	-- $ 25
Maurice Kann Quigley Publishing Co. 1270 6th Avenue, N.Y.C.	-- $ 25

Please send acknowledgments and receipts to each of these individuals and in your thank you letter refer to the fact that their check was forwarded to us by Mr. Martin Quigley.

When you receive notice from the bank that the checks have cleared, send Mr. Schieffelin checks to cover the items indicated in your memorandum to Mr. Wilkins of November 2. In addition, make out a check for $200 as part payment of the amount due Judd and Detweiler.

Please let me know the bank balance after payment of these checks.

Under separate cover I am returning the names and addresses of Senatorial and Congressional candidates in the last election. Those candidates who have been elected and from whom we received commitments have been designated with the letter "E". Please write to each person so designated in accordance with the enclosed letter. As you will note from the suggested letter, you are to enclose a copy of the FEPC Reference Manual together with a copy of the enclosed reprint from the Congressional Record.

Additional copies of the reprints are included in my separate mailing to you and you will receive 100 copies of the Reference Manual from the NAACP. Please let me know the approximate quantity of each item which you have in the office.

Cordial regards,

ARNOLD ARONSON

Enc.

November , 1948

Dear ___________:

May we take this opportunity to congratulate you on your ~~recent~~ election (or reelection as the case may be; reelected candidates are designated as follows: *E) and to express our ~~sincere~~ appreciation for your pledge to support legislation establishing a federal FEPC with enforcement powers. We trust that your commitment, which we made known to our cooperating organizations in your district~~, in advance of the election~~, contributed substantially to your victory.

As you know, President Truman has repeatedly called for the enactment of an effective FEPC law. With your support, and the support of the many members of both parties who have joined with you in pledging to vote for such legislation, we have high hopes that ~~the~~ enactment of an FEPC bill will be one of the early achievements of the 81st Congress.

We are enclosing a copy of the bill which was introduced under bi-partisan sponsorship in the 80th Congress and was favorably reported on by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee. We are also enclosing a copy of the FEPC Reference Manual which, we are certain, you will find of interest. You may be assured that we will welcome any suggestions you ~~may wish to make that~~ will facilitate the accomplishment of our common purpose.

Sincerely yours,

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

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Nat FEPC
Detroit: Council

January 31, 1948

Miss Olive Beasley, Secretary
Civil Rights Committee—FEPC
c/o Mr. Bonnie Smith
1308 Broadway, Rm. 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Miss Beasley:

Just a word to say that I plan to be in Detroit, February 19, 20, 21st in the interest of FEPC. I hope that your Committee may be able to plan a luncheon on the 19th which may serve to raise some funds for the fight for FEPC legislation. If a luncheon is possible I hope you may be able to invite individuals who represent organizations and those who may have funds of their own to attend the luncheon since we are desperately in need of funds. I am giving some time during the month of February for the purpose of both raising funds and developing public sentiment in favor of our FEPC bills in Congress.

While there I will be glad to talk with any individuals who may be a good financial prospect for FEPC.

Now I don't know whether you will be able to hold a public meeting or not, but I rather think that meetings with small groups may be better. However, the Committee may use its own judgement.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Re FEPC
Detroit Council

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. [illegible]:

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Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

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803 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BUILDING, DETROIT, MICHIGAN
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MOST REVEREND FRANCIS J. HAAS
Honorary Chairman

March 4, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman, National
Council For F. E. P. C.
217 W. 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter we received in reply to a telegram to Senator Taft. I have also forwarded one to Mr. Henderson.

Sincerely yours,

Olive

Olive R. Beasley
Executive Secretary

Enclosure: 1

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"TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS"

NC FEPC
Detroit Council

March 23, 1948

Mr. Olive R. Beasley
Executive Secretary
Michigan Committee On Civil Rights
505 Washington Boulevard Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Miss Beasley:

Thanks a lot for copy of communication from Senator Taft concerning FEPC.

I hope that you and Mr. Bennie Smith and Mr. Schermer will follow up and work with Mr. Robinson of the Gotham Hotel in the interest of securing contributions for the fight for FEPC. I am sure he will help you get some funds from the Negro businessmen of Detroit.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to visiting Detroit and your Committee again.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 15, 1948.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed is list indicating three additional names to whom Mr. Quigley has addressed letters in support of the Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Yours sincerely,
Leo Brady
Assistant to the President.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping
Car Porters,
217 West 125th Street,
New York 27, New York.

Additional list of motion picture executives to whom the attached letter has been forwarded:

Mr. Leo Spitz, Executive Head of Production, Universal Pictures Company, Inc.

Mr. Samuel Goldwyn, Producer and Chairman of the Board, Samuel Goldwyn Productions, Inc.

Mr. William Goetz, In Charge of Production, Universal Pictures Company, Inc.

NC FEPC
New York
Council

October 20, 1948

Mr. Leo Brady
Assistant to the President
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brady:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 18th with additional names of business men in the motion picture industry to whom letters have been sent by Mr. Quigley in the interest of the fight for a federal fair employment practices commission.

I hope you will convey to Mr. Quigley my great appreciation for this manifestation of fine cooperation to our cause.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 28, 1948.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed are the following additional checks which have been received as contributions to the FEPC:

Mr. Leo Spitz,
Universal-International Studios,
Universal City, Calif. $200.00

Mr. George P. Skouras,
Skouras Theatres Corp.,
1501 Broadway, NYC. 100.00

Mr. William Goetz,
Universal-International Studios,
Universal City, Calif. 50.00

You will note that these checks are also made payable to Permanent Fair Trade Practice Commission.

Will you please arrange to have receipt of these checks--as well as those forwarded to you under date of October 20--acknowledged to us and to the contributor.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Brady
Assistant to the President.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
National Council for a
Permanent FEPC,
217 West 125th Street,
New York, New York.

October 29, 1948

Mr. Leo Brady
Assistant to the President
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brady:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28th with checks enclosed of two hundred dollars from Mr. Leo Spitz of Universal-International Studios; one hundred dollars from Mr. George P. Skouras, Skouras Theatres Corp; fifty dollars from Mr. William Goetz, Universal-International Studios.

May I say in the name of the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC we are greatly grateful to Mr. Quigley for using his good office and influence for enlisting the cooperation of these distinguished men of business in support of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC which is waging the fight for the enactment of federal legislation for FEPC in the 81st Congress.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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November 3, 1948.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Martin Quigley, who is still in North Carolina, has asked that I send to you, in confidence, the enclosed copy of letter received from Mr. C. B. deMille.

Mr. Quigley would like to have you keep the contents of Mr. deMille's letter confidential, but he would appreciate if at your convenience you would please send to him a memorandum covering your views as to how the letter should be answered.

Mr. Quigley has asked me, also, to tell you that he is very much disappointed in the amounts being received from these important executives in the industry. Later on—some time when you may find it convenient to call at our office—Mr. Quigley would like to show to you the several observations included in letters received from persons sending subscriptions to the FEPC.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Leo Brody

Assistant to the President.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Co-Chairman,
National Council for a Permanent
Fair Employment Practice Committee,
217 West 125th Street,
New York 27, New York.

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CECIL B. DeMILLE PRODUCTIONS, INC.
2010 DeMille Drive
Hollywood, California.

22 October 1948

Mr. Martin Quigley, President,
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Quigley:

Any request from you will always have my immediate and, if at all possible, favorable attention. You will understand, however, why I feel that I must ask you for more information about the objectives of the National Council of the Fair Employment Practice commission before deciding about contributing to it.

I am, as you know, vitally interested in the right of every American, regardless of his race, creed, or color, to work when he pleases, where he pleases, for himself or for whoever wants to hire him. But the right to work, as I understand it, does not mean the right of anyone to a particular job regardless of the employer's policies or wishes. I do not believe, for instance, that a Catholic college should be obliged by law to hire an atheist professor of philosophy. In a word, I believe that in some cases there can be valid and moral grounds for racial or religious discrimination on the part of an employer; and I do not approve of blanket legislation that disregards the existence of such grounds.

On the other hand, I recognize that there are in America many instances of unjustifiable racial and religious discrimination; but the elimination of these prejudices, it seems to me, is more a task for education and persuasion than it is for forcible legislation. I should be happy to contribute to any well-conceived and soundly administered educational project in this area, but not to any project designed to foster legislation of the type which the voters of California rejected in 1946.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) Cecil B. deMille

NCPBTC
NY Council.

November 6, 1948

Mr. Leo Brady
Assistant to the President
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brady:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ha
encs.

November 6, 1943

Mr. George K. Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear George:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory. I wanted you to know what progress is being made in securing financial aid because of the cooperation of our mutual friend, Mr. Quigley.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ha
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NC FEPC
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November 6, 1948

Mr. Leo Brady
Assistant to the President
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brady:

Referring to your letter of November 3rd with enclosure from Mr. Cecil B. deMille of Hollywood, California to Mr. Quigley, commenting on request for a contribution to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, may I say that I am glad to make a few observations on the letter of Mr. deMille.

I note that in the second paragraph of Mr. deMille's letter he states that:

> "...But the right to work, as I understand it, does not mean the right of anyone to a particular job regardless of the employer's policies or wishes. I do not believe, for instance, that a Catholic college should be obliged by law to hire an atheist professor of philosophy."

Regarding this position may I say that the Bill S. 984, which was presented to the 80th Congress under specific title of, Exemptions, Section 6, states:

> "This Act shall not apply to any State or municipality or political subdivision thereof, or to any religious, charitable, fraternal, social, educational, or sectarian corporation or association, not organized for private profit, other than labor organizations."

Relative to any employer being required by FEPC legislation to hire a particular worker regardless of the policies or wishes of the employer, may I say that the Bill does not impose any such requirement upon an employer. In other words, an employer is not expected to employ worker A or B on any particular job, but the law does require that he does not refuse to employ worker A. or B. because of race, color, religion or national origin.

Moreover, fitness and ability would naturally enter into the consideration by the employer of a particular worker of hand or brain.

I hope this clears up that question in the mind of Mr. deMille. Similar paragraphs may be found in the states' FEPC laws, also. I am in complete agreement with Mr. deMille on this question.

In the last paragraph of Mr. deMille's letter, he states;

> "On the other hand, I recognize that there are in America many instances of unjustifiable racial and religious discrimination; but the elimination of these prejudices, it seems to me, is more a task for education and persuasion than it is for forcible legislation."

Again, referring to the Bill, the following appears under, (g) The Commission shall have power:

"..(7) to create such local, state, or regional advisory and conciliation councils as in its judgement will aid in effectuating the purpose of this Act, and the Commission may empower them to study the problem of specific instances of discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry and to foster through community effort or otherwise good-will, cooperation, and conciliation among the groups and elements of the population, and make recommendations to the Commission for the development of policies and procedures in general and in specific instances. Such advisory and conciliation councils shall be composed of representative citizens residents of the area for which they are appointed, serving without pay, but with reimbursement for actual and necessary traveling expenses; and the Commission may make provision for technical and clerical assistance to such councils and for the expenses of such assistance."

Further the following statement appears in Section 7, under Prevention of Unlawful Employment Practices;

> "(a) Whenever a sworn written charge has been filed by or on behalf of any person claiming to be aggrieved, or a written charge has been filed by a member of the Commission, that any person subject to the Act has engaged in any unlawful employment practice, the Commission shall investigate such charge and if it shall determine after such preliminary investigation that probable cause exists for crediting such written charge, it shall endeavor to eliminate any unlawful employment practice by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion."

Thus, it is apparent that the Bill for the establishment of the Fair Employment Practice Act, does not include religious institutions, and it also, before using any punitive sanctions, makes use of the methods of investigation, conference, conciliation and persuasion, as well as education.

But in order that the procedure of investigation, conference, conciliation persuasion and education may be effective, punitive measures are included in the Bill.

This Bill was drawn up, discussed and approved by representatives from the

AFL, CIO, Protestant, Catholic and the Jewish faiths.

It is the belief of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC that the education of the public on an important issue of discrimination because of race, religion, national origin or ancestry cannot be left to a vague, academic process of education since the time element is important. While legislation will not eliminate discrimination in employment relations immediately, nevertheless it provides some concrete machinery which effectively will handle this problem. Moreover, education functions more effectively when it is directed to some specific social action which involves the human personality far more than when it is involved in a vacuum. The very introduction of a bill for enactment in Congress to eliminate discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed or country is the occasion for discussion and debate in churches, forums, schools, barber shops, trade unions, street corners and in the halls of Congress. These are basic media and mechanisms of education. This form of education grips the hearts of men around flesh and blood issues that dig deep into the consciousness of people.

This same form of education is taking place around the Marshall Plan because a bill was introduced into Congress dealing with this issue. Therefore, I believe that just as legislation is required for the purpose of eliminating discrimination against workers because of union affiliation, it is required to eliminate discrimination against workers because of affiliation to a particular race, religion, color, country or ancestry.

Sincerely yours,

APR:bh

A. Philip Randolph
International President

LAW OFFICE
Capers and White
3725 CENTRAL AVENUE
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO
EXPRESS 4449

August 3, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
219 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Philip:

I have been intending to write this missive for some time but, as you know, since I am quite the world's best procrastinator, it has remained undone. Some things I never get done until I get angry enough to do something about it. This is one of the latter.

It is with reference to FEPC and the funds that have been raised here by the Committee that has been headed by Atty Charles V. Carr. I saw the letter that was addressed to Wells. It is obvious that whatever the information was that was received was just half information. In other words, it was information that someone was giving that didn't know too much about what they were talking. I am sure it came from one Miss Beth Lambright via Mr. Manley. The latter is mentioned to you [illegible] purely out of confidence as this entire letter is just from me to you.

When this last Committee was set up, we were quite anxious to raise a large sum of money. We set up an Entertainment Committee of which Miss Jessie Hill was the original chairman. Jessie was opening her shop just about that time and so she finally told us that she would be unable to function. Beth Lambright, who has never done one single thing for FEPC was thought about to replace her because she had just finished doing a good job of collecting funds for the Red Cross. Also, she works with the "classes" who "go" for something out of the ordinary and have never done too much for FEPC previously. I talked to her about heading up the Entertainment Committee and she agreed to do so. She never came to a single meeting. I would have to contact her after each meeting.

She agreed to go forward with some kind of entertainment which she was to plan in toto and to merely report to us what she wanted us to do. All her progress reports I had to give to the meetings as she never showed up. Money had been raised by the organization, about $200, since you left, through contributions fwom those who came to our weekly meetings and from the results of the Block Campaign canvass which was not too effective because of lack of interest to do the work and we didn't want to spend the finances we had without being assured that the campaign would be successful. We first advanced her $50 (her request) to cover the cost of the invitations which were $36 - and the deposit on the hall. She and her group had decided to have a Monte Carlo Party. The original date of the Party had to be changed because the invitations were late getting out.

Just before the Party, $150 was advanced to her for the various expenses: food, rental of tables, chairs, etc. All the details were left to her as she and her group were supposed to be such beavers when it came to putting anything over. The other members of the Committee volunteered their services in any capacity that she thought they could help. The nite of the Party, Bob Pinn and Charlie Carr loaned $200 in change for the "games" as the nickles and dimes were needed. That was returned the nite of the Party.

Because not too well a job of publicizing had been done, the crowd was quite small. The regular "poker-playing group" that was to turn out for FEPC didn't even show up. Beth took all the rest of the money home herself that nite. No checking up was done at the Hall; she was too tired, etc. We weren't worried in the least as one just doesn't mistrust everyone else and believe he is the only honest person in the world. Well, we were to have her report at the meeting that following Thursday. She didn't show up. Charlie went by to see her as he knew he was responsible for the money that was advanced being returned to the treasury.

When he finally caught up with her (she never called anyone to try to get in touch with him or her to let them know when she would make her report.), he found out that she had sent $100 to the National Office and had not even made the return of the ($200) money that had been advanced from the FEPC treasury! We were waiting until after the party to make our full report. I never was so disgusted in all my life. The total receipts from the Party were $225 - get this, now. The total receipts from the Party were $225 - that is the ~~gross~~ net. Now, it seems to me, any intelligent person would know that when monies are advanced for a project that that money must be replaced before anything is done with the money. Also, that a report should be made to that body before any monies are dispensed with. Therefore, since a total of $200 had been advanced to her (and she had gotten the money by check as that is the only way any of our monies have ever been paid out) from the FEPC treasury, she actually cleared only $25 from the Party. I do hope you follow me. This is important as it has a great deal to do with our records as they shall appear in our minutes.

Beth had no business sending that money as she did without first refunding the money to the FEPC treasury that had been advanced. We are all quite burned up about it; it appears that she is trying to put someone in the middle. $75 of the money she sent the National Office came from the treasury of the Cleveland Council for a National FEPC and was not raised as a part of an effort she sponsored. It seems she must have been trying to make a "hit" with someone as to what she was doing - a personal achievement, in other words. The personal end is her own business, of course, but all of us that have been working so long and so hard for FEPC had had no personal interest whatsoever; it has been purely because the cause was so worthy and the need was so great.

I am just about "fed up" myself with the whole situation. The only appreciable sums that have been forthcoming from Cleveland have been from the results of the few "reliables" that have been plugging along. Our group has provided the monies for literature that the "talking group " has edited. But the credit is unimportant; it is the sucker punches that are being delivered that cause the sour taste - particularly when one is spending his own time and money for the advancement of the project. I'm sorry I took so much of your time but I just had to let you know. Wells will tell you substantially the same thing.

You might also inform Mr. Wilkins or whoever from the NAACP it was that was so kind to send you the "half-information" that we are surprised that, with his experience he would pass on for investigation such meager material. If the source were known, this type of insidious deterrent could be straightened out as all intelligent, honest people can dispel confusion and misunderstanding.

I always enjoy hearing from you in your sojourns throughout the country. You really get around! Hope that you are not doing too much and that you continue to enjoy the best of health.

Have followed with interest the jim-crow army fight. You know I am right with you and had intended to write and let you and Reynolds know but being too busy has prevented me. The majority of the Negroes are with you but you know, the "handkerchief heads" will always be with us - just like death and taxes! (smiles)

If there is any further information that you want, I shall be glad to help you. We are having a meeting tomorrow (Thursday) nite and whatever we have in the treasury will be sent, with a formal explanation as to the $100 you have already received. I just wrote this because I felt the explanation was needed.

The same always,

Jean

[Jean Murrell Capers]

NC FEPC
Cleveland
Council

August [illegible], [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] Cogans
[illegible] Central Avenue
Cleveland, [illegible], Ohio

Dear Jane:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 3rd, a little long delayed [illegible]

I note your comments on the communication I sent to [illegible] with enclosure from Roy Wilkins concerning the Cleveland FEPC Council. I am glad [illegible] your angle of the affair which was held there to raise funds for the National [illegible] for FEPC. I am in complete accord with your analysis of the situation, [illegible] that monies received from the Cleveland Council for FEPC should be returned [illegible] any remittances were made to the National Council.

I want to state that the Cleveland Council has done a more [illegible] effective job than any other Council in the country except New York and [illegible] Your Council has not only been a going concern from the beginning to the [illegible] time but has staged splendid and effective meetings, luncheons and other [illegible] that have served to keep the idea of FEPC before the people in Cleveland. I [illegible] proud of this fact.

In the not too distant future I expect to be coming through Cleveland and hope I may be able to have the pleasure of a chat with Judge Cogans, although I have no doubt but that my good friend, Jane, will some day either be sending [illegible] to prison or legislating in the Council for the City of Cleveland, if not [illegible] for the nation in Washington. You have all of the charm, ability and [illegible] necessary to achieve either one of these goals with credit and distinction. [illegible] in this connection also, that you have the assurance of any humble help your [illegible] Philip, may give any time you wish it.

Sincerely,

APR:ba

A. Philip Randolph
[illegible]

Re FEPC
RR Church

January 31, 1948

Mr. R. R. Church
Dunbar House
U and 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Just a word to say I will be in Washington, February 5th and will stop at the Dunbar House and hope to see you. I understand that our bill is scheduled to be reported out of the Committee on this date. I hope to spend some time with you during the day talking with some of the senators and congressmen that may be key people in our struggle for FEPC legislation.

I talked with Arnold Aronson and he informs me he will be in Washington on that date also, so that we may plan to get together.

I leave New York on the 2nd for Atlanta where I speak on the 3rd for FEPC.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

[illegible]
R. Church

March 24, 1948

Mr. R. R. Church
Dunbar Hotel
15 and U Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Concerning the request of Senator [illegible] for material on civil rights for his speech at Harvard, may I suggest that you have him get in touch with the Washington office of the NAACP and he may tell them that I suggested he request material from that office on the civil rights question.

Find enclosed my itinerary.

Sincerely yours,

APR:bs

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NCFEPC -
Jacksonville
Fla -

February 2, 1948

Mr. Coleman
Clara White Mission
Ashley and Broad Streets
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Brother Coleman:

Just a word to hope that the campaign to raise funds for FEPC is going forward splendidly. We expect the Bill for FEPC, S. 984 to be reported out of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare sometime this or next week. Our next step is to get the Bill on the calendar and from the calendar to the floor for a vote. Of course you realize that when the Bill comes to the floor, it will meet with the filibuster from Southern Senators. It is my hope that we may be able to mobilize public sentiment on such a scale as to break down this filibuster.

This costs money. This is why we need to push our campaign for funds everywhere with increased vigor.

Trusting that you and the madam are well, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

xc FEPC Council
St Louis

January 27, 1948

Rev. James Cook
St. Louis YMCA
Pine Street Branch
2846 Pine Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Rev. Cook:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that sometime this or next week, the FEPC Bill in the Senate will be voted out of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Our next move is to put it on the calendar and then from the calendar to the floor where it will encounter the filibuster from Southern senators.

Our problem is to develop public sentiment throughout the nation to break this filibuster. One of the means at hand is to hold public meetings to mold sentiment and raise money. May I know what you can do by way of reviving the local Council in St. Louis for the purpose of holding a public meeting, and perhaps a luncheon the day before it, with a view to raising some funds.

We are holding a luncheon in Kansas City, February 16th or 17th for the purpose of raising funds. We held a big public meeting there a couple of months ago. We will also hold a public meeting in Chicago, February 15th. We had a luncheon at the Norris Hat Shoppe a few weeks ago and raised some $1600. We found that the combination of public meeting and luncheon proves very successful. May I know what you think about this and when you may be able to work out a meeting and luncheon or either one.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

NC FEPC
Chicago Council

COPY

April 20, 1948

Mr. Jackie L. Cooper, Manager
Radio Station WAAF
Studio Palmer House Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Permit me to express on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, our deep and profound appreciation for your splendid cooperation in giving us the use of your Station in helping to build our meeting scheduled for April 29th as well as time for the panel discussion.

It is my understanding that you are likewise interested in the details of our Civil Disobedience Program to abolish discrimination and segregation in the Armed Forces. May I say that we are very happy to have this information and wish to avail ourselves of any time you find it convenient to use such a program.

I should be in Chicago on the 30th and should be happy to speak or participate in such a program at that time.

Again permit me to thank you for your fine spirit of cooperation and interest in this all-important subject matter, F.E.P.C. I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:amm

nc FEPC
Cleveland
Council

March 22, 1948

Mr. F. Curry
7410 Central Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Just a word of remembrance and to express my great thanks and appreciation for the fine work you did to make the FEPC luncheon a success. You stand at the head of the list for very fine financial showing for FEPC.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

re FEPC
Action & Policy
Com

February [illegible], [illegible]

Mr. Max Delson
[illegible] Broadway
New York City

Dear Max:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory. May I say that we paid these people the wages that were due them. We stipulated no time to pay the so-called loans. However, we do not deny that we owe the bill.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BR
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June 29, 1948

Mr. Roy Wilkins, Chairman
Executive Committee
National Council F.E.P.C.
[illegible] W. Fortieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Roy:

It has just come to my attention that Elmer Henderson is leaving and that he has recommended that the local office either be closed or be operated only with a clerk in charge.

It is my considered judgment that either such move would be suicidal. It must be clear to you that if we are to hold our contacts for a renewed drive in the New Congress, we must make ourselves indispensable to the various groups on the local level upon whom we must depend for a successful prosecution of our task. It is my hope that we will continue to feed our local groups with information, strategies and techniques as they gird for their state action.

I It seems also important that the Council should be active in the Congressional Districts in the pivotal states generating grass roots support for our cause and winning commitments for the new congress. I am, of course, conscious of the low financial status of the Council, but it seems that we should be able to raise enough money to keep going a minimum program along the lines suggested herein.

It is my hope that at your forthcoming meeting some way can be devised other than putting the Council to sleep.

With assurances of my highest esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Thurman L. Dodson

cc to: Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Mr. Arnold Aronson

[illegible]

July [illegible], 194[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Washington [illegible], D. C.

Dear [illegible]:

I agree with your views expressed in your letter of June [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the National Council for a Permanent FEPC going during the [illegible] period, if we can raise the funds. I am glad you raised this point.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
[illegible] President

[illegible]

Re FEPC
Atlanta
Council

January 29, 1948

Mr. D. A. Douglas, Manager
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
221 North East 9th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Brother Douglas:

Brother Theodore E. Brown, Research Director and Editor of the Black Worker, official organ of the Brotherhood will be in Miami February 3rd and remain there for a few days attending the Administrative Committee meeting of the AFL's League for Political Education at the Alcazar Hotel in Miami.

Brother Brown was Examiner for the President's Committee for Fair Employment Practice during the war and has all the history and facts about FEPC at his fingertips. I would like for you to call your Committee together so that he may be able to talk to them and give them first-hand knowledge of the importance and value of the bills in Congress. He will get in touch with you when he arrives. You can have the meeting the night of the 3rd or 4th.

I hope the financial drive is going along promisingly.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:hs

Nc FEPC
[illegible]

June 24, 1948

Miss Mae W. Downs, Executive Secretary
American Council on Human Rights
1309 Presstman Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Downs:

Information comes to me that your organization plans to enlist the services of Mr. Elmer Henderson as the director of your organization, who is now the Executive Secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. May I say that we greatly regret the necessity to release Mr. Henderson as the directing head of our movement, but I am glad to know that he will become the Executive Director of the American Council on Human Rights, which is developing a program comparable to, but broader than, the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

I want to congratulate the fraternities and sororities upon their initiating a legislative program of the character and realism suggested by the name of your movement. I am sure that Mr. Henderson, who has done a mighty fine job for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, will be a constructive asset to your organization.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

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COLUMBUS 5-7000

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1710 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 19, N.Y.

DAVID DUBINSKY,
President

March 1, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 West 125th Street,
New York 27, New York.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 27 acknowledging our check for $1500 toward FEPC.

I do not recall ever notifying you that this is all our Union is able to raise for FEPC. As a matter of fact, I believe we may even reach the $5000 we pledged. For the present, however, we have turned over to you as much as we have received from our locals. When we get additional money from them, I will forward it to you as I am sure that your Committee will continue to function and will need money later on too.

Fraternally yours,

David Dubinsky

David Dubinsky

H:m

March 16, 1948

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Dave:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 1st concerning the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union contributing funds to the fight for FEPC. I am greatly encouraged and heartened over your suggestion that the ILGWU may reach the $5000 mark pledged to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. I might say that this fight is stirring up forces over the civil rights issue which are bound to help the cause of liberty and brotherhood, tolerance and justice in our country for all, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

You may be assured that our Committee will be ready to receive all additional contributions and will be grateful for same.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

January 27, 1948

Mrs. Carrie Edwards
300 N. E. 2nd Street
Oklahoma City, 4, Okla.

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Permit me to advise we expect the Bill S984 for FEPC to be reported out of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare this or next week. Our next step then is to get the bill on the calendar and from there move it to the floor for a vote. As you know this will encounter a filibuster from the Southern senators and in the interest of mobilizing public sentiment to break the filibuster we need all of our forces organized. This will cost money. The National Council for a Permanent FEPC which is leading this fight is in desperate need of money.

I understand that you have a few hundred dollars in the bank for FEPC. I want to request you to send it to Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Executive Secretary, National Council for a Permanent FEPC, 930 F Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. immediately so that we may be able to meet some of the pressing financial bills that face us. I assure you that the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC will appreciate this immensely. I want to express our appreciation for the splendid work you have done for FEPC and if it is possible to raise any more funds for this cause we will appreciate it immensely.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

Re FEPC
Chicago Council

January 27, 1948

Rev. Evans
Community Church
41 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Rev. Evans:

Just a word to express my great appreciation for your consent to hold a meeting for FEPC in your church, February 18th for the purpose of raising funds for the fight to secure the enactment of legislation for fair employment practice.

We expect Senate Bill 984 for FEPC to be reported out of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare sometime this or next week. Following that, the Bill will go on the calendar. The next job is to get it off the calendar to the floor for a vote. We know that when the Bill moves to the floor, it will encounter the filibuster from Southern senators. To overcome this filibuster, we must mobilize sentiment in all parts of this nation. This will cost money. This is why we appreciate your efforts to help raise funds to wage this fight for justice in job opportunities.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BD

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PARKER HOUSE SAUSAGE COMPANY

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Detroit 10, Michigan

February 11, 1948

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Chr.,
Committee for a Federal F E P C,
3456 South State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

I regret that I did not get to see you when you were here before. I am glad to learn that you are returning and I hope to get a chance to have a personal conference with you. I am helping Mrs. Beasley and her committee in the promotion of the meeting which you are to address and I feel certain that it will be successful.

I am pleased to note that your national committee and the recently organized Michigan Committee for Civil Rights are working out plans for cooperation. When Elmer Henderson was here last summer, I promised him that I would help to raise some funds for the national committee. I was then under the impression that the local committee was an affiliate. Later, I found that there was no official affiliation but because of my keen interest in the possibilities of state legislation as well as national, I joined with a group of business and professional people to secure funds for the state-wide work. I am eager to help both and I find that there are other business and professional people who are anxious to do likewise.

I believe that we can get the passage of national as well as state lgfslation along the line whihh you are working and I want to assure you that I shall be glad to render any service whihh I am able to render.

Very cordially yours,

A. L.

A. L. Foster

"You Just Can't Help But Like It"

MC FEPC
Detroit Council

March [illegible]

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With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

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ANDERSON AND THOMPSON SKI COMPANY
1101 East Spring Street
Seattle 22, Washington

AIRMAIL December 8, 1948

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Mr. Roy Wilkins
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

I am in receipt of yours of November 24, and also a letter from your Washington, D.C., office giving me the addresses of your contacts on the Coast in F.E.P.C. work.

I have been delayed a little but am leaving tomorrow for California. I will stop in Portland on the way, and see what they can do for you. What I expect to do now is to contact the leads you have in Oregon, California, and Arizona as I will be through those three states in the next month. I will write you as I meet these people and let you know what support you might expect, and I will see if I can get something concrete started with them.

Mrs. Booth, a chairman of our local council, will spend some time in Los Angeles in January, and I will see her there and she also will do some organizing for you in L. A. in case your group there is inactive. In any case we will do nothing to disturb any existing councils but will just see if we can stimulate their interest more.

The American Jewish Committee, of which I am a member, has a field worker in San Francisco, and he wrote me a couple days ago that he would work with me down there and I think he will be in a position to give you some good contacts.

Please write me at the above address whenever you have any new information, and my office will forward my mail. In case something urgent comes up before February 1, while I am still in the South, I might take a trip to several other states for you, but otherwise will just cover Oregon, California and Arizona, as it is along my route.

Humbert Humphrey wrote Congressman Hugh Mitchell of Seattle, a letter recently and said he will be in Washington by now and will push FEPC legislation, so I assume you will contact Humphrey when you meet next in Washington, D. C.

With best regards,

(signed) SIDNEY GERBER

Sidney Gerber

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Seattle Council

December 16, 1948

Mr. Sidney Gerber, President
Anderson and Thompson Ski Company
1101 East Spring Street
Seattle 22, Washington

Dear Mr. Gerber:

I am very glad to get your letter of November 18th indicating your interest in helping to mobilize support for FEPC legislation in the 81st Congress. Our National Council for a Permanent FEPC has just met in New York to plan its campaign for the passage of the FEPC bills in the 81st Congress. When we work out the details, I will be glad to advise you of the way you may help in the program since we will need all the support we can get and we will be happy to have your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hd

A. Philip Randolph
International President

ANDERSON & THOMPSON SKI CO.
PHONE CAPITOL 8830
1101 EAST SPRING STREET
SEATTLE 22, WASH.

Nov. 18, 1948.

AIRMAIL

Mr. A Philip Randolph
Int. Pres. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph,

I talked with Mrs. Booth yesterday and she said that she had seen you in Detroit recently, but was not sure of your plans for carrying on the F.E.P.C. program in the next Congress. I have been serving as Co-chairman of the Washington State Council for a National F.E.P.C. I talked to you last January in New York, and after that went to Washington D.C. and worked with Elmer Henderson for a couple days, lining up our Washington Delegation for the bill.

At this time the situation in the State of Washington is pretty good. I think we can line up at least five of our six Congressmen for F.E.P.C. and perhaps all six. One of our two Senators, (Magnuson) is very good on F.E.P.C. The other Senator (Cain) is non-committal, and we feel he is opposed to such a bill. A good friend of mine Hugh Mitchell, Democrat, has just been elected to Congress from the Seattle district. He is strong for F.E.P.C. and will help in the next Congress. You can also get active help from another friend of mine Congressman Henry Jackson, of Washington, who now has 8 years seniority and is on the House ways and means committee.

Mrs. Booth told me that she gathered after talking to you that our committee was the only one on the West Coast which gave you active help in the last campaign. I was wondering if I can give you some help in organizing groups in other Western states. Starting Dec. 1st, I will be travelling thru Oregon, California, Nevada, and Arizona on a two months trip on business and pleasure, and would have plenty of time to work on F.E.P.C.

Let me know how your committee is going to be set-up this year. Do you know who will write the F.E.P.C. bill for the next Congress? Hugh Mitchell our new congressman here wrote a letter a couple days ago to Hubert Humphrey the new Senator from Minn. to see what he knows about a move for a bill, but we have not yet had a reply.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Sincerely,

Sidney Gerber, Pres.
Anderson & Thompson

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July 12, 1948.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 West 125th St., Room 301,
New York 27, New York.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I assure you I will gladly comply with the recommendation you make in your letter dated July 2nd, to substitute Brother Nelson H. Cruikshank for Brother Boris Shishkin as a member of the Policy Committee and National Board of Directors of the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.

However, Mr. Cruikshank is at Geneva, Switzerland, attending an international health conference at the present time. He will return within the near future, and when this takes place and I can see him I will advise him of his appointment to serve on the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. as you suggested in your letter dated July 2nd.

Fraternally yours,

Wm Green

President,
American Federation of Labor.

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December 27, 19[illegible]

Mr. William Green, President
American Federation of Labor
A. F. of L. Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

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I am sure that you recognize the grave danger [illegible]

I address this communication to you because there are other [illegible] with which you plan to [illegible] that still have color clauses in [illegible]

Fraternally yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
A. F. of L. Building
[illegible], D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

[illegible]

[illegible]

Fraternally yours,

[illegible]
[illegible]

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Re FEPC
Tampa Council

2624½-29th Avenue
Tampa 5, Florida
February 23, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President B.S.C.P.
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

This is inform you of the pregress made by The Local Council of F. E. P.C. up to date.

Funds have been raised this far $580.00. This amount has been sent to International Council, Washington D. C. and we are still raising funds.

Sincerely yours,
M. Gregory
M. Gregory-President

COPY TO:
B. F. McLaurin

MASS MEETING

Thursday Night, Feb. 26th

A FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE BILL

MUST BE PASSED

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance And The Local Council of The F.E.P.C. Join Hands In This Effort To Raise Funds Greatly Needed In the Fight for The Passage of This Bill. The Principal Speaker Will Be - -

Mr. Robert Ackerman

Southern Organizer For The Butchers And Meat Cutters Ass'n. Program as Follows:

OPENING SONG	NEW SALEM P. B. CHOIR
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MALE CHORUS	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
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SELECTION	FIRST BAPTIST HARMONIZERS
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	MR. PERRY HARVEY
ADDRESS	MR. ROBERT ACKERMAN
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New Salem Baptist Church

2nd Avenue And 9th Street

Time: 8:15 Slogan: Justice On Jobs For All

file FEPC

January 7, 1948

Mr. Roy Wilkins
NAACP
20 W. 40th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

When the National Council was re-organized last Spring, it was our aim to utilise all of the resources at our command to promote the passage of the newly-introduced FEPC bill. Mr. Sifton, who had been with the Council since December, 1946, was asked to handle our work on the Hill and our public relations; Mr. Manly, who had been with the Council since the Fall of 1945, was placed in charge of our field program, and I was appointed executive secretary. Our executive and policy committees were composed of individuals who had been working with the National Council on the top level since it was organized in 1943 and, therefore, were quite familiar with all of its problems. We have had fairly regular meetings of the executive committee and the Washington office has always tried to maintain close contact with at least the more active members in New York. Mr. Sifton, for example, made frequent long distance calls to Mr. Aronson and consulted him on all phases of our activity. Mrs. Hopson, who joined the Council staff in 1944, has been indispensable and a tower of strength. Mrs. Dean has been extremely cooperative in all that she has been asked to do.

I am sure the executive committee, being entirely familiar with the history of the Council, is not unmindful of the many problems we confronted. Our supporters throughout the country were mobilized to a high point of enthusiasm and activity during the 79th Congress. This was possible because the Council had ten field workers and eight staff people in the Washington office. Few possible areas of support were left untouched by them. They were aided by a highly favorable climate of opinion, influenced by the war and the concrete and visible gains made for minorities through the work of the then existing President's Committee on

Fair Employment Practice and its regional and sub-regional offices. The FEPC held frequent hearings, was often the butt of Congressional attack, that received widespread press comment and had a staff of conscientious people who were interested in seeing the permanent legislation enacted. They cooperated with the National Council and its representatives, particularly in the regions. The Council's representatives in the mid-west, for example, used the Chicago regional office of FEPC as a sort of headquarters and relied mainly on the contacts and influence of the regional director in carrying out his program of organizing support for the bill. Unfortunately, these favorable conditions no longer exist.

After the bitter filibuster and defeat of the bill in the 79th Congress interest in the measure took a sharp decline and disillusionment and discouragement overcame our supporters. A great amount of confusion was created in the mind of the general public after the sudden resignation of the former executive secretary and the recriminations which followed. This confusion has never been cleared up and both Mr. Manly and I have been confronted with it constantly. For nearly a year there was no activity and no contact at all between our Washington office and the field. During that period many people believed the issue dead and the National Council disbanded. In a number of states in the North and West, our local supporters turned their attention to state bills. In states where they were successful, they tended to feel their objectives achieved. In states where they lost they became further disillusioned and discouraged. With the election of a Republican Congress in 1946 and its record in the First Session, many formerly active workers have expressed the belief that there is absolutely no chance for passage. All of the arguments to the contrary which we have advanced have not completely eliminated their general pessimism. One significant but in a way important development for us has been the creation of so-called permanent organizations as an outgrowth of the FEPC fights in many areas. These organizations have paid professional leadership and their own budgets and fund-raising problems. In many places, factional splits have occurred that make any representative groupings impossible.

Various efforts were made during this period to raise funds. They all proved unsuccessful. The Hollohan project, instead of producing money, cost the Council thousands of dollars.

We were handicapped by a tremendous load of back debts. In Washington, we could have no printing done by any firm because of a long-standing bill we owed Judd and Detweiler. There is no need here to outline the full extent of our indebtedness as the executive committee is well aware of it. I am sure it is also aware of the influence this would have on any plans we might make.

Last March, the Board of Directors approved a budget of nine thousand dollars a month as the minimum amount on which our program could be projected. This contemplated the employment of several field representatives and staff workers for the Washington office. We never even approached this figure and the only additional person employed was Mrs. Douglas in October.

When we began in the Spring, it was Mr. Randolph's feeling and the executive committee concurred, that our major organizing program should be the re-activation of our local councils and the formation of new ones where none existed. This we undertook to do. We found our files in very bad shape. Much vital information was either missing or virtually impossible to find. Our mailing list was in a chaotic shape and after we secured our six to seven thousand addressograph plates, we found them arranged in an unmanageable condition. With all this, however, we began our contacts with those people who had been leaders of or were active in the many local councils around the country. The response has not been all that we would like but this has been to a great extent because we have not been able to follow through in a satisfactory manner. The first printed literature of the National Council did not reach us until last month. This has been a serious deterrent to stimulating interest. Mr. Manly has spent most of his time in the field but not enough in any one place, except Philadelphia where only recently has our local organization (C.E.J.O.) become active. I have made some trips but I have not been able to stay any one place long and have always had to return to Washington to try to keep the office covered as much as possible. Mr. Sifton was only with us on a part-time basis and had more than enough to do himself.

Many of these Councils had arisen on an *ad hoc* basis, most of them stimulated by A. Philip Randolph. There had been little to hold them together after the 79th Congress and they disintegrated -- far more, unfortunately, than any of us suspected. In spite of all of these difficulties they are now showing signs of life and as our legislation progresses, I am sure, they will spark even more. They will also be stimulated by the Randolph tour and what public attention it will get.

There has been an excellent response to our new pamphlets and our supply of everything but "FEPC or Else" has nearly been exhausted. George Weaver has just informed me that the CIO may take 100,000 copies and has asked for rates. Our last newsletter (December 4) produced a very good response and this is a hopeful sign. The Negro press (particularly the Washington Correspondents) has been extremely cooperative and has carried most of our releases. I am sure this cooperation will continue. From the very beginning we have tried to activise our cooperating national organizations and draw more in. This has been difficult because of the lack of literature. But more have promised specific activity recently. We tried to cover as many national conventions as possible, but because of the lack of staff and funds have not been able to do as much of this as we would have liked. You recall, for example, that I spoke at the NAACP convention in Washington. My talk would have been far more effective if I had literature to distribute (The Marshall pamphlet was obsolete at the time as the Senate hearings were over. We used it anyhow). I spoke today before an Assembly of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in Washington where representatives were present from all over the country. After my remarks I was able to distribute our "FEPC or ELSE" to all present. I believe the pamphlet will hold the enthusiasm that was present at the meeting.

The last meeting of our Board of Directors was an impressive one and I believe the members present (or their alternates) will really work when the bill begins moving. Further, if we carry out the decisions made there our program will move forward.

1. Since a number of our local councils are showing signs of renewed activity, I feel we should take advantage of this in every way possible. We have asked them all to raise funds, hold mass meetings, distribute literature, contact Congressmen and Senators, etc. (See my Suggestions for Local Action). Some have written in for speakers which we are trying to supply. As soon as the issue gets hot (February) we plan to utilize the thousands of buttons we have here as both a propaganda and fund-raising device. I have not felt, however, that the time was yet ripe for this.

2. All of our national cooperating organizations have been asked to activize their local membership on the FEPC issue, to hold meetings, distribute literature, call on and write their Congressmen and Senators, etc., and to organize or join, where possible, the local councils. All of these requests have been followed up several times--but mainly by correspondence. Some organizations have responded very well--others have left much to be desired. From the assurances I have received, however, I believe most if not all of them will move when our bill moves.

3. The Randolph tour should help us a great deal although I am not too optimistic about finances. Staging mass meetings is a costly job and I am sure the local groups will want a share of the net. The cost to the Council in travel expenses for Randolph and Manly will be tremendous. I have prepared a list of suggestions on procedure for the local sponsoring groups and will send you a copy. We should issue a release on the tour as soon as our dates are definitely nailed down.

4. The tour will help stimulate local interest but it will not be sufficient to force Congress to act. In addition to our intensive letter writing campaign to Congressmen and Senators there must be

(to them) a visible demonstration of national interest and personal contact with Congressional leaders. This can only be achieved by the national conference we had planned for February but have now delayed until March. If we can make this a success, and I believe we can, it will not only influence Congress but stimulate the delegates to renewed activity when they return to their communities. On January 8, we are having a meeting of the local council in Washington at which time tentative plans will be drawn up for housing and program. Sometime ago we asked the Council to act as host for the conference, to which its members agreed. Although we would like to have delegates from all over the country, our main effort to secure representation should be in the middle-western and border states.

5. Our legislative program has received a definite set-back by Henry Wallace's candidacy. Although no comment has been made by Senator Taft or Speaker Martin on the FEPC bill since then, the atmosphere here is, at least temporarily, one of supreme confidence in a Republican victory in November. We had been counting on a close race in which the Republicans would feel compelled to pass our bill as bait to minority voters. Inasmuch as the N.A.M. and the powerful industrial and commercial interest are opposed to the bill and those same interests control the Republican Party, none of us have been so naive to think they would pass the bill out of the goodness of their hearts or because there was great need and demand for it. Remember, our problem is not to geta simple majority for the bill -- we must get a two-thirds vote for cloture over the determined opposition of southern Democrats. I have prepared an analysis of the legislative situation, as of now, in the Senate and attach a copy hereto. What Mr. Wallace has done, I believe, has created a situation in which the Republican strategists will only need to avoid major responsibility for failure to pass. They can line up an impressive vote for cloture but they only need a few defections to defeat us. Senator Taft who we are depending on for the cloture vote is not in favor of this bill. He may have a great opportunity to put in his own heroically -- to save the day. Our policy committee should meet as soon as possible to re-assess our legislative program in view of the Wallace development. Personally, I feel we have got to take a far stronger stand politically than we have before. Some of us must say we will campaign against one or the other party depending on the outcome of this fight. Our bill is inevitably a party issue now. It is impossible to carry on a successful campaign against individual Congressmen. Most of the Senators who are vulnerable will vote right. If we are defeated it will be by those who are from states or constituencies with only a negligible minority vote.

6. Mr. Church, who has helped tremendously the progress of our legislation thus far, has been asked to work on the Hill alone. I know he will do everything in his power to get this bill passed. He will impress upon the Republican leaders the importance of this bill to minorities and the gains or losses that may accrue to the Republican Party from the action which it takes on it. But we must similarly impress the Democrats. The President's message alone is not going to secure the Democratic votes we need. It is obvious that in addition to Mr. Church we must have a representative not completely identified with one party.

7. In the 79th Congress, the National Council organized the legislative representatives of other friendly organizations in Washington intoa strategy committee. We do not need a strategy committee here as such for we have a policy committee in New York. But these people can provide excellent assistance on the Hill. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors it was voted that this committee be re-activized and a nucleus was appointed among alternates to board members present. We plan to call a meeting of this group soon. But I believe it should wait until after a meeting of our Policy Committee.

8. Mr. Aronson has suggested we employ a public relations person in Washington to replace Paul Sifton. Although there is need for it, I would oppose the appointment at this late date of anyone not thoroughly familiar with the FEPC issue and our whole fight or who did not have widespread and established press contacts. If we find someone who meets these qualifications, he should present a well-outlined program and an estimate of the cost in advance. Otherwise, we should handle our public relations from this office with the assistance of friendly newspapermen, both white and colored. Some have already pledged themselves to assist us. We have also press and public relations people in the Washington offices of cooperating organizations who would help.

9. I have already informed Mrs. Douglas who has been working in the South that we could not meet her salary beyond January 15. This is unfortunate as she did not have sufficient time, in three months, to produce any real results. She did lay the ground-work in a number of areas, however, and I believe we will realize something tangible from her work. She did an excellent job in the last campaign and raised a great deal of money for the Council in the South. We employed her on the strong recommendation of Mr. Randolph. She spent time in Richmond, Norfolk, Durham, Charleston, Atlanta, Birmingham and New Orleans. She found many obstacles to a quick and easy campaign in all of these places. Although it was our thinking that her major emphasis would be on fund-raising, it wasnever contemplated that that would be her exclusive task. She had to stimulate interest and attempt to re-activate the local councils to get them in a position to secure money. She had no literature but the mimeographed material and Congressional reprints which we sent her. I believe any undue criticism of her because she failed to show results in three months would be extremely unfair.

10. It has been proposed that Mr. Manly should work exclusively on local arrangements for the Randolph tour. Our most recent revision encompasses the key cities we need to arouse. Assisting the local committees with the meetings will be an excellent way of stimulating activity by the local leadership and should carry over after the meeting into Congressional pressure and increased representation at our National Conference.

11. The Board of Directors authorized the Oliver Committee to draw up a program that would give responsibility for mobilizing certain areas to certain of our cooperating organizations. This committee has prepared a report, which, if adopted, will help us tremendously. The CIO (mainly the UAW) will work in the mid-west states. For his own organization, Oliver pledged that several staff persons would be assigned to this work. It is all to be coordinated by the National Council. I am enclosing a copy herewith.

12. As I have already suggested to you, I am going off of salary and would like to be placed on a per diem maintenance basis such as Mr. Church now accepts. This is not a magnanimous gesture, but an attempt to meet our practical financial condition.

13. Unless, and I hope, I am mistaken, we must rely mainly on Mr. Root's committee for any considerable amounts of money. I had hoped to organize small luncheon or parlor meetings with likely contributors in connection with the Randolph tour,but the schedule, as now drawn, is so tight, I do not see how it can be done. If the schedule is relaxed, I will try to do so. We should go ahead with the New York dinner as proposed by Mr. Delson and Mr. Cohen. We have no staff aid to supply as Mr. Cohen conditioned, but the loaned staff worker of the American Jewish Committee will help a great deal. We should be able to obtain some voluntary help on making organizational contacts. I have one person who, I believe will be available. I have already referred to our large supply of buttons which we can use as soon as appropriate atmthe mass meetings and otherwise. We should try a mail solicitation with attractive appeal cards to be timed exactly when the bill hits the Senate floor, if possible. It is a risk, of course, but I believe it will be worthwhile.

14. This is, of course, a minumum program drawn to fit our resources. It can be expanded if our financial picture brightens. I cannot see how this could be carried out in the manner suggested at the last meeting of the executive committee and strongly urge that the committee reconsider its recommendation. Of course, the mid-western states are important and we should intensify our activity there. I plan to work in the key spots as much as possible, particularly Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. For reasons of economy alone, however, we must utilize our time to the maximum advantage.

15. The National Council, probably because of the nature of its organization has long included a wide variety of competing interests. There was considerable disagreement and conflict within the organization and within the staff during our last campaign. It has done considerable damage to our program. I have been guided by the principle that these disagreements, particularly in the staff, should be held to the absolute minimum so that no repetition of the last explosion would occur. In pursuit of this aim, I have often yielded my ideas to what seemed to have been the feasible suggestions of others. I certainly hope that my desire for harmony, even at

great personal cost, has not been construed as a lack of aggressiveness or as weakness.

16. The National Council has received a great deal of money from the general public since it was organized in 1944. This has come from many and varied sources. There has been considerable criticism of its expenditures, some of which may have been justified. I have been peculiarly sensitive on this score and hence have imposed what I considered a rigid economy over our scarce funds. This attitude may not have met the needs of our program, but I certainly did not want us to go deeper in the red than we already are. We are in the unfortunate position of having to carry out a program that demands large funds and at the same time to try to pay off legitimate claims againstthe Council that run into the thousands.

I suggest that the above program be carried out under the present staff arrangement with the continued guidance and close cooperation of the executive and policy committees.

All of these problems require careful deliberation at an unhurried meeting of our executive committee. Mr. Randolph informs me that he will be available in New York on January 15 or 16. Could we meet then?

With highest personal regards, and high hopes for the passage of our FEPC bill, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elmer W. Henderson
Executive Secretary

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January 9, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Vincennes Hotel
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Chief:

I sent you a copy of the senatorial analysis which I prepared. I hope you have received it and will study it so that we may determine our next legislative move.

I am enclosing herewith a letter I have sent to Roy Wilkins which embodies the proposals I have already made to you verbally. Please give me your comments on it as soon as possible.

Please be sure to call Truman Gibson, Jr., on the matter we discussed.

I advanced Milo $150.00 from my personal funds for his trip to Chicago which was suggested by Roy and Arnold although Rev. Cobbs advised me by phone that he did not need any assistance from this office other than what we had already given. No doubt you have seen Milo by now.

I hope the January 12th meeting is a real success.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer

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March 1, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Hotel Vendome
Buffalo, New York

Dear Chief;

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Walter White's letter that we discussed over the phone. Arnold Aronson is to call you in Buffalo Tuesday to discuss the advisability of a Policy Committee meeting. I am strongly in favor of it and believe that in the critical situation that we are in it is absolutely necessary to at least make the effort to secure a unity among our forces. The least we should be able to do is to neutralize Walter White's opposition.

You recall I have questioned the propriety of the so-called Policy Committee meeting at which neither you nor I were present, even though I am in accord with the decision that was made to press for priority of our Bill.

Thelma Marshall called from Gary and said that the date of April 25th would be much more satisfactory to them and would like to know if there is any way possible that you could come to Gary for a mass meeting then rather than on April 1st as you had me wire her. She also advised me that the organization of our campaign is getting under way very well, but that she will have to devote some time to it. I told her tentatively that we could put her on two days a week at $10.00 a day. She said she could get time off to do that and agreed. Please let me know if this is satisfactory to you. I believe it will be worth it. She said that they were certain to raise $5000, but believes they could raise $10,000.

Please wire me on this.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer

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April 2, 1948

Mr. Roy Wilkins, Chairman
Executive Committee
National Council for a Permanent FEPC
NAACP Office
20 W. 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Roy:

This is an urgent recommendation for a raise in salary for Mrs. Elise Hopson, our office secretary, whose responsibilities and burdens have increased considerably since we reduced our office staff to one person and since I have been doing so much travelling. Her present rate is $216.66 per month which I think should be increased to $250.00. Although our financial condition is still desperate I believe that we could certainly afford to do this very necessary thing. I am sure I do not need to say to you how valuable and important are the services of Mrs. Hopson. She has been with the Council for four years during a period when she could have commanded much greater remuneration in the government or with some other agency.

I would appreciate your early consideration of this matter and your advice if I may proceed to put it into effect.

Sincerely yours,

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June 28, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Chief:

Please accept this as a formal resignation from my position as executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, effective June 30.

It has been both a pleasure and an inspiration to have had the chance to work closely with you during the past fifteen months, and I hope that in my new position as director of the American Council on Human Rights I can still maintain close contact with you and secure your suggestions and advice. This resignation, as you know, in no way dims my ardor for the passage of an FEPC bill and I will continue to work towards that end.

With many thanks for your kind letter to Mrs. Downs, and sincere hopes for the ultimate success of the great movements that you have initiated, I am

Faithfully yours,

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February 24, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
215 West 125 Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

At the regular meeting of the Chicago Council for Permanent F.E.P.C., in addition to the election of officers, chairmen of committees were appointed in connection with the publicizing and fund raising effort for the huge mass meeting and public demonstration for the passage of this legislation, a suggestion was made by me to make an appeal to the ministers to designate Sunday March 14, as F.E.P.C. Day, at which time stress special emphasis on the importance of passage of this bill at this time and make an appeal for an, "after collection". I was appointed chairman of churches.

The executive committee authorized me to proceed with my plans, which are as follows:

1. Write letters to the ministers soliciting their cooperation in this regard, inclosing a postal card to be returned, indicating whether or not they would participate.

2. Follow up these letter with a telephone call where necessary.

3. Make personal calls where necessary.

It appears to me that the greatest success would be accomplished from a letter dictated by you, bearing your signature. Your suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Won't you reply immediately, by Air Mail Special Delivery or day letter in order that I might make my report at the meeting, Thursday, February 26. In the event my plans meet with your approval, please have your secretary type the letter on a duplimat, leaving spaces for the date, addresses, and salutation, as we have the use of a multilith machine. We will need about seventy-five (75) letter heads and seventy-five (75) envelopes, either size.

In our next correspondence to you, we will know the amount of literature that will be needed for the occasion.

Sincerely,

Ruby Williams Holloway

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2. Follow up these letter with a telephone call where necessary.

3. Make personal calls where necessary.

It appears to me that the greatest success would be accomplished from a letter dictated by you, bearing your signature. Your suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Won't you reply immediately, by Air Mail Special Delivery or day letter in order that I might make my report at the meeting, Thursday, February 26. In the event my plans meet with your approval, please have your secretary type the letter on a duplimat, leaving spaces for the date, addressee, and salutation, as we have the use of a multilith machine. We will need about seventy-five (75) letter heads and seventy-five (75) envelopes, either size.

In our next correspondence to you, we will know the amount of literature that will be needed for the occasion.

Sincerely,

Ruby Williams Holloway

Ruby Williams Holloway

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Sent BR [illegible]

re FEPC
Chicago Council

March 1, 1946

Miss Ruby Williams McKinney
[illegible] South Wabash Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Miss McKinney:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of February 26th with outline of plans in the interest of the Chicago Council for a Permanent FEPC. I think they are very good. I want to congratulate the Committee and yourself upon the splendid program. I am about to leave the city, and therefore, won't be able to write the letter you suggest, but if you will draft the letter and send it to my office that I may look it over, I will be glad to return it so that you may use it.

If you will write the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, 930 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. for letterhead stationery, they will be glad to send you some.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

Re FEPC
my counsel

October 14, 1948

Mr. George Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear George:

Find enclosed letter and list that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:bha
encs.

October 22, 1948

Mr. George Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York, New York

Dear George:

Find enclosed copies of letters that are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BD
encl.

October 29, 1948

Mr. Leo Brady
Assistant to the President
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York City

Dear Mr. Brady:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th with checks for the National Council for a Permanent FEPC from Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, 444 West 56th Street, New York City of $150; Mr. Dore Schary, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Culver City, California of $100; Mr. Joseph R. Vogel, Loew's Inc., 1540 Broadway, New York City of $25 and Mr. Maurice Kann, Quigley Publishing Company, 1270 Sixth Avenue, New York City of $25.

I note that checks are made out to the Permanent Fair Trade Practice Commission, but I don't think there will be any difficulty in having them pass through the bank.

Permit me on behalf of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, to express our sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation Mr. Quigley has given our movement for a federal permanent FEPC law. I am indeed gratified with the results.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

APR:RB

QUIGLEY PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.
ROCKEFELLER CENTER
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MOTION PICTURE HERALD
MOTION PICTURE DAILY
BETTER THEATRES
THEATRE SALES
MOTION PICTURE ALMANAC
FAME

October 20, 1948.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed are the following checks which have been received to date in response to Mr. Quigley's solicitation of motion picture industry executives for support of the FEPC:

Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, Twentieth Century- Fox Film Corporation, 444 West 56th Street, NYC. -	$150.00
Mr. Dore Schary, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio, Culver City, California	100.00
Mr. Joseph R. Vogel, Loew's, Inc., 1540 Broadway, NYC	25.00
Mr. Maurice Kann, Quigley Publishing Company, 1270 Sixth Avenue, NYC	25.00.

As mentioned to you on the telephone, the checks in each instance are made payable to Permanent Fair Trade Practice Commission. Through an oversight, our letter requested that the checks be made payable in this manner. I trust this will not interfere with the proper clearance of the checks to your order.

We have made personal acknowledgments of the contributions and understand that acknowledgment by the FEPC will be made ineach instance.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Brady

Assistant to the President.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
National Council for a
Permanent FEPC,
217 West 125th Street, NYC.

INTERRACIAL REVIEW
20 VESEY STREET
NEW YORK 7

NCFEPC
Admin & Policy

November 8, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Room 301 - 217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Phil:

Thanks for sending me copy of your correspondence with our friend, Martin Quigley.

As I said on the phone the other day, I am more than ever convinced that the time is ripe for us to press our campaign for FEPC. I think our position is very strong, particularly because of the election of so many progressive democrats and the stand taken by republicans like Senator Aiken.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George

GKH:a

George K. Hunton

December 16, 1948

Mr. George Hunton
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear George:

This is to advise that through our mutual friend, Mr. Martin Quigley, we have received contributions from the following persons:

Eric Johnston	$ 50
Herman Robbins	$100
Martin Quigley	$100

I have sent the checks to Brother Aaronson for deposit to the account of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

Fraternally yours,

APR:bm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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MISS JIMMIE LEE JONES 2734 PRARIE AVENUE CHICAGO ILLINOIS=

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH=

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JIMMIE LEE JONES FINANCIAL SECRETARY CHICAGO COUNCIL FOR PERMANENT FEPC.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR TELEGRAM MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 31ST. 730 PM DUSABLE AUDITORIUM. IN THIS EFFORT OUR CHIEF SUPPORT IS FOR MEN ACTIVE IN LABOR GROUPS THEREFORE WE ARE FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION ON THE WORKING PEOPLE OPINION REQUESTED=

JIMMIE LEE JONES.

31 730 PM.

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B F MCLAURIN OR MR A PHILLIP RANDOLPH=
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PLEASE SEND A LETTER OR TELEGRAM OF APPRECIATION TO JACKIE L COOPER WAAF STUDIO PALMER HOUSE HOTEL CHICAGO THANKING HIM FOR HAVING GIVEN US ONE HALF HOUR ON RADIO ANNOUNCING OUR MASS MEETING OF APRIL 30TH WE HAD PANEL DISCUSSION ON FEPC THIS MORNING WITH FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS MR ALBERT REESE INSTRUCTOR ECONOMICS ROOSEVELT COLLEGE MR HIGH FISH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LABOR EDUCATION ROOSEVELT COLLEGE BETTY KAYE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE AND JIMMIE LEE JONES FINANCIAL SECRETARY CHICAGO COUNCIL FEPC THIS TELEGRAM COMING FROM MR RANDOLPH WILL ENCOURAGE MR COOPER TO SERVE US FURTHER HE IS ALREADY INTERESTED IN A DISCUSSION OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, PLEASE ADVISE IN SEPARATE MESSAGE TO ME IF I SHOULD ARRANGE SUCH A RADIO DISCUSSION, AWAITING REPLY=

JIMMIE LEE JONES 2734 SOUTH PRAIRIE,

WAAF 30 FEPC MR HIGH FISH FEPC 2734;

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$25.00 EACH I AM RETURNING MY $25.00 AS DONATION TO THE
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SERVICES I INSISTED THAT WE SEND $500 TO NATIONAL
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JIMMIE LEE JONES 2734 SOUTH PRAIRIE.

$25.00 $25.00 $500 2734.

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FEPC
Chicago
Council

May 10, 1948

Mrs. Jimmie Lee Jones
2734 South Prairie
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Just a word to thank you for your telegram concerning
action of the Council toward some of the workers. I think your
suggestion was good.

Congratulations upon the splendid work you and the oth
members have done for FEPC.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

4c FEPC
Jacksonville

January 7, 1948

Mr. Elbert Daniel Keelman
The United Fertilizer and Allied
Workers Union of America
613 W. Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Fla.

My dear Friend:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of December 29th expressing comments on my humble efforts on behalf of the Negro masses, and also your suggestion concerning organizations carrying a slogan for FEPC on their stationery. I assure you I appreciate this immensely.

If all the Negro organizations were to carry slogans on their stationery it would undoubtedly mean much in developing a nationwide public sentiment for FEPC. This is a thought I will pass on to our Executive Director and urge him to call upon various organizations to follow. May I say it was a pleasure to see you and the madame in Jacksonville. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ha

Pittsburgh Courier
2628 Centre Ave. -:- MAyflower 1401
PITTSBURGH 19, PA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 16, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Mr. dear Mr. Randolph:

I am very sorry I did not get to see you upon the occasion of your recent visit to Pittsburgh. My health has not been so good, and I can't get about as much as I formerly did.

This letter, however, is to say to you that we all appreciate the very fine work you have been doing in the interest of F.E.P.C. I do hope I will be able to come to the banquet at the Waldorf on March 6th. In case I am not able to come, it is my intention of sending a check as a contribution toward the cause. Mr. Roy Wilkins has also invited Mrs. Lewis and myself to be present.

Wishing you good health and happiness, I am

Very truly yours,

Ira F. Lewis

Ira F. Lewis, President
THE PITTSBURGH COURIER PUB. CO.

IFL:es

March 1, 1948

Mr. Ira F. Lewis, President
The Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company
2628 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, 19, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lewis;

Just a word to thank you for your letter of February 16th informing me of your interest in the movement to secure a federal FEPC and your desire to attend the banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria, March 6th. I note you suggest if you are not able to come you plan to send a check as a contribution. I assure you that the National Council for a Permanent FEPC and myself personally are grateful for your interest in this matter. May I hope for you a speedy recovery.

It was my intention to come in to see you while in Pittsburgh but I was there for a brief period and was unable to do so. I hope you and Mrs. Lewis are enjoying the best of health.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

APR:ba

A. Philip Randolph
International President

Nat FEPC
Chicago Council

April [illegible], 194[illegible]

Mrs. Jimmie L. Jones
Financial Secretary
Chicago Council F.E.P.C.
2738 South Prairie
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Jimmie:

Thanks kindly for your telegram requesting letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Cooper. Enclosed please find copy. May I suggest that you arrange a program around Civil Disobedience for Friday, since Mr. Randolph will be there at that time. I don't know how long he plans to stay but I am forwarding him your telegram as well as a copy of this letter so that he will be able to prepare his schedule accordingly.

I want to congratulate you for your deep interest and consistent support to our many programs but especially to our present struggle. I have reasons to believe that although the situation looks pretty hopeless at the moment, a brighter day will blossom forth for [illegible].

I hope you got my letter of last week and I also trust that your meeting will meet with a tremendous success. Keep up the good work. I am,

Sincerely,

B. F. McLaurin
International Field Organizer

BFMcL:[illegible]
Enclosure

COPY

MEMO

TO: Roy Wilkins

FROM: Milo A. Manly

July 14, 1948

Sometime ago I told you of monies being raised in Cleveland for the National Council and that we had not been receiving same. The enclosed announcement is a smple of the type of entertainment that has been given in Cleveland and you will note that they state National FEPC. On this particular affair I asked that the proceeds be sent directly to the Council and we received a check for $100.00 from Miss Beth Lambright. This represents the only money that we have received. I suggest that Mr. Randolph be asked to contact "his committee" in Cleveland for a contribution to the National Council as that committee has been sponsors of Monte Carlo Parties and a businessmen's dinner.

COPY

MAM

[illegible] Staff

July [illegible], 19[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] North [illegible] Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear [illegible]:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date concerning the Council and the Rally for FEPC. I agree with you that this is a time for action, and I am bending every effort to raise some funds for that purpose, although I am making slow headway.

I am going out to Chicago this week and will contact many groups out there to get some money for FEPC. I will let you know of my progress.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

re FEPC
Ahmann & Polier

December 17, 19[illegible]

Mr. Philip Murray, President
Congress of Industrial Organizations
[illegible] Building
Pittsburgh [illegible], Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

[illegible] "New York Times" [illegible]

I am sure that you [illegible]

I address this communication to you [illegible]

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PERMANENT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE
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~~MRS. ANNA ARNOLD HEDGEMAN~~

618 N. 43
Phila. 4, Pa.

Dear Phil

What's doing with the Council? I haven't heard from anyone except Church. He really did a job in the Democratic Convention. I worked it with him and I can tell you that he had plenty to do with getting Truman to go all out for Civil Rights. He persuaded several top Democrats to "sell" Truman on the special session. It seems to me that here is our greatest chance to put over F.E.P.C. and your Anti Jim Crow in the Army program if you & the Council will only play your cards right. Local organization pressure in this election year is the most potent pressure as it spells votes, but to get local pressure going requires personal visits to spell out what should be done.

Congress convenes Monday. Is the Council giving up? If not what's doing!

Yours,
Phil

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Dear Mr Randolph

Enclosed is a copy of the letter we discussed via telephone Friday. The original did not have my name included in the cc. Elsie put it on inadvertently when copying. So Walter White does not know that I was involved.

Blind copies were sent to about a dozen NAACP Board members. I will know Saturday if Walter has made any reply.

Yours

Mils.

OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Pass Senate Bill 984 and House Bill 2824

Theodore Spaulding
Attorney-at-law
154 N. 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

February 21, 1948

Mr. Walter White, Secretary
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Walter:

You will recall at the last Board Meeting, one of the subjects discussed was the attitude of NAACP in the event it became necessary to make a choice of priority on the three Bills we are pushing, to wit, Anti-Lynching, Anti-Poll Tax and FEPC. I believe Mrs. Lampkin expressed the opinion, apparently concurred in by the majority of the members present, that while we are simultaneously pushing all three, if from a practical point of view it becomes necessary because of calendar questions to make a determination on priority as between these three Bills, FEPC should be first. Her expressed reason was that without lessening the importance of Anti-Lynching and Anti-Poll Tax, FEPC represents the economic security so vital to all people North and South that it has a more far reaching importance at this moment.

I understand that the three Bills are being presented as a package. However, it is my further understanding that Congressional politicians are seeking to put our Association on the spot as in opposition to any action which might result in priority for FEPC. This is being done under the theory that one Bill has to be in front of the other. It now seems that the impression is being generally given that NAACP under such circumstances is insisting on Anti-Lynching ahead of FEPC. This, no doubt, is based on the long history of the Anti-Lynching Bill as associated with NAACP.

I am fearful and I think many others are likewise that this may give the impression that we are not wholeheartedly behind FEPC as vital legislation. In order to present a united front, we must make our position very clear on how we stand where this question is presented.

I am sure the Board members bill be with you in the action which I know you will take in this matter to clarify this point.

Very truly yours,

(Signed Theodore Spaulding

TS:p
CC: Thurgood Marshall, Esq.
CC: Mr. Roy Wilkins
~~[illegible]~~

3244 Ellis Ave.
Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 15, 1948.

My dear Philip:—

That was a swell meeting Rev. Cobb pulled for F.E.P.C. He is really quite a boy isn't he?

I have been thinking quite a bit about the financial problems of the Council, and I still believe that the little man is willing to contribute for better legislation. I don't know what the budget is for the Council for the next six months, but let us assume that it is $100,000.00 to get the job done. There must be 100 cities in the country that could and would raise at least $1000.00 apiece if properly motivated. There are seventy-six organizations listed on the stationery of the Council. I suppose the budget is submitted to the executive committee and an agreement reached that each local organization will be advised by its national body to cooperate in the fund raising in the local community. Each local should also know what becomes of the money - that is what the budget is. It would serve to give each participating organization a feeling of greater responsibility in the passage of the bill and take some of the weight off of the Brotherhood who so far have carried the brunt of it.

I would like to suggest further that each organization face the necessity of keeping the council alive until the bill is passed even if it doesn't pass at this session. That is they should be prepared to contribute annually if necessary until the job is done.

So far as I know it is the only organization doing a political job among Negroes and as I don't think Negroes will ever get any-where with-out political action it is most important that the movement succeed. It will be significant in showing the Negro what he can do.

I shall expect to hear from you regarding a date for Gary.

Best wishes,

Thelma [NICKENS]

P.S. Just read a report of the millions raised for Negro Colleges in their drive. Surely thousands can be raised for F.E.P.C. with-out the contributions of the McCormicks and the Rockefellers - just the 15,000,000 Negroes can do it.

Nc-FEPC
Chicago

January 27, 1945

Miss Thelma Hickens
5344 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Thelma:

Thanks a lot for your letter of January 18th with suggestions for raising funds. I think they are good. Undoubtedly the little Negro will finance this movement if we can get it to him.

I wish you would write Rev. Cobbs a letter of appreciation for his splendid effort in behalf of FEPC. Tell Burton to do the same thing.

We are having a meeting at Rev. Evans' Church February 15th. I hope you will tell Burton and the rest and help make it a success.

Elmer Henderson has planned to have the meeting in Gary between the 15th and the 16th, I think. I hope this will be satisfactory. I hope to see you when I come to Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

COPY FOR: MR. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

October 11, 1948

Dear Herbert:

I have been asked by Mr. A. Philip Randolph, one of the nation's most constructive labor leaders and co-chairman of the National Council of the Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, to assist in obtaining financial assistance from industry executives for the vital work of the Commission.

Fair employment practices, as you know, represent only basic, minimum justice for great numbers of our fellow citizens. Every other effort of fair play, however important, is secondary to insuring the right of citizens of whatever race, creed and color to a fair opportunity to earn a living.

It seems appropriate that the motion picture industry, as represented by a group of leading executives to whom this letter is being addressed, should lend support to the vital work of education being conducted by the Fair Employment Practice Commission.

You are therefore invited to consider making a contribution for the furtherance of the work. A quota of $5,000. from motion picture industry executives is being sought. Any subscription toward this total will be very useful and greatly appreciated.

You may make check payable to "Permanent Fair Trade Practice Commission" and send to undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) MARTIN QUIGLEY

Mr. Herbert J. Yates,
Republic Productions, Inc.,
4024 Radford Avenue,
North Hollywood, California.

The attached letter has been forwarded to the following:-

Mr. Nate J. Blumberg, President of Universal Pictures Company, Inc.

Mr. Jack Cohn, Executive Vice-President, Columbia Pictures Corporation

Mr. Barney Balaban, President, Paramount Pictures, Inc.

Mr. Nicholas M. Schenck, President, Loews Incorporated

Major Albert Warner, Vice-President, Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.

Mr. Harry M. Warner, President, Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.

Mr. Jack L. Warner, Vice-President in Charge of Production, Warner Bros. Studios

Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, President, Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation

Mr. David O. Selznick, Producer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vanguard Films, Inc.

Mr. Cecil B. DeMille, Director and President of Decil B. DeMille Productions, Inc.

Mr. L. B. Mayer, Executive, MGM Studios.

Mr. Joseph M. Schenck, Executive Production Head, Twentieth Century-Fox Film Studios.

Mr. Darryl F. Zanuck, Vice-President in Charge of Production, Twentieth Century-Fox Film Studios.

Mr. A. H. Blank, President, Tri-States Theatre Corporation.

Mr. Walter Wanger, Producer, now associated with RKO Radio Pictures, Inc.

Mr. Herbert J. Yates, President, Republic Pictures Corporation.

Mr. Herman Robbins, President, National Screen Service Corp.

Mr. Dore Schary, In Charge of Production, MGM Studios.

Mr. George Skouras, President, Skouras Theatres Corporation.

Mr. Arthur L. Mayer, Film Distributor, Part Owner of Burstyn & Mayer.

Mr. Eric Johnston, President, Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.

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October 12, 1948.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I enclose copy of a letter, dated October 11, which has been addressed to a list of motion picture executives, whose names are given on the list which is also enclosed.

I am leaving New York on next Monday, to be away several weeks. Responses to my letter will be forwarded to you by my assistant, Mr. Leo Brady. Mr. Brady will acknowledge such responses as may be received. I will appreciate if you will please arrange, also, to acknowledge any responses received.

In acknowledging responses forwarded from this office will you please also, in each instance, indicate to us that you have directly acknowledged the subscription?

I trust that by means of the letter which has been sent out some substantial, practical assistance for the important work will be obtained.

With best personal wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Martin Quigley

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
217 West 125th Street,
New York, New York.

Natl FEPC
NY Council

October 14, 1948

Mr. Martin Quigley
Quigley Publishing Company, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Quigley:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of October 13th with copy of letter and list of business executives in the Motion Picture industry to whom letters have been sent in the interest of securing financial assistance for the fight being conducted by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC for the enactment of a FEPC Bill in the 81st Congress.

I assure you, on behalf of the officers and members of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, that we appreciate your interest and fine spirit of cooperation from the bottom of our hearts. With cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

COPY FOR: MR. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

October 14, 1948

Dear Leo:

I have been asked by Mr. A. Philip Randolph, one of the nation's most constructive labor leaders and co-chairman of the National Council of the Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, to assist in obtaining financial assistance from industry executives for the vital work of the Commission.

Fair employment practices, as you know, represent only basic, minimum justice for great numbers of our fellow citizens. Every other effort of fair play, however important, is secondary to insuring the right of citizens of whatever race, creed and color to a fair opportunity to earn a living.

It seems appropriate that the motion picture industry, as represented by a group of leading executives to whom this letter is being addressed, should lend support to the vital work of education being conducted by the Fair Employment Practice Commission.

You are therefore invited to consider making a contribution for the furtherance of the work. A quota of $5,000. from motion picture industry executives is being sought. Any subscription toward this total will be very useful and greatly appreciated.

You may make check payable to "Permanent Fair Trade Practice Commission" and send to undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) MARTIN QUIGLEY

Mr. Leo Spitz,
Universal Pictures Company, Inc.,
Universal City, California.

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH SUBJECT FILE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE R-W 1948

NC FEPC
Detroit Council

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WESTERN UNION

COPY

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

NEW YORK FEB. 15, 1948.

HONORABLE ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON D. C.

THE UNDERSIGNED AMERICAN CITIZENS BELIEVE THAT PASSAGE AT THIS SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF A NATIONAL ACT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IS IMPORTANT TO THE WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY. WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE IVES-FULTON BILL HAS BEEN FAVORABLY REPORTED OUT BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EDUCATION AND WE ASK YOU, AND THROUGH YOU YOUR COLLEAGUES, TO USE YOUR FULLEST INFLUENCE TO EXPEDITE ITS PASSAGE BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF EMPLOYERS IN THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR [illegible], BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. [illegible] DISCRIMINATION IS UNECONOMIC, IN THAT IT RESULTS IN AN UNSOUND [illegible] OF PURCHASING POWER. THEY KNOW IT [illegible] UPON WHICH OUR [illegible] THE WORLD AND IN THE WAR OF [illegible]

[illegible] IVES-FULTON BILL, IF ENACTED INTO LAW, WILL SUBSTANTIALLY [illegible] NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. IT WILL STRENGTHEN THE HANDS OF [illegible] BELIEVE IN ITS PURPOSES AND IT WILL TEND TO BRING INTO COMPLIANCE THOSE FEW WHO DO NOT. OUR JUDGMENT IN THIS RESPECT IS BASED IN PART UPON THE SUCCESSFUL WORKING OF VERY SIMILAR LAWS IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS AND OTHER STATES. WE LIKE THE RELIANCE WHICH THE BILL PUTS UPON EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY OF GOVERNMENTAL SANCTIONS WHEN CONCILIATION BREAKS DOWN.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WILL ELIMINATE PREJUDICE FROM AMERICA. BUT IT WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE STEP ALONG THE ROAD. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE FORMED OURSELVES INTO A COMMITTEE TO ADVOCATE ITS ADOPTION. WE HOPE YOU WILL DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO HELP TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE.

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New York Council
for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee

418 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.
MUrray Hill 5-0491

REV. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK
Chairman

January 22, 1948

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The New York Council For a Permanent FEPC has planned a testimonial dinner to you and the other officers and members of the Board of the National Council For a Permanent FEPC, on March 6, 1948, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. We want to take this opportunity to publicly honor you and your colleagues for your long and arduous work in the cause of equal job opportunities for all Americans.

We know of no better way of honoring you than to use the occasion of the testimonial dinner to raise funds for the Council's work, enabling it to continue at an increased pace to assure "FEPC in '48." We have decided against direct solicitation of funds in favor of a "$50-a-plate" dinner.

We are hopeful of having at least 500 guests attend the dinner, in addition to the guests of honor. Several of the national organizations have already indicated their willingness to subscribe for places. If we achieve our goal, we shall be able to present about $15,000 to the work of the Council.

I would appreciate your letting me know whether you will be able to attend the dinner as a guest of honor.

Sincerely yours,

Oren Root Jr.

Oren Root, Jr.
Chairman, Sponsoring Committee

re FEPC
NY Council

January 26, 1946

Mr. Oren Root, Jr.
Chairman, Sponsoring Committee
New York Council for a
Permanent FEPC
418 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y. (16)

Dear Mr. Root:

May I say I shall be on hand for the dinner, March 6, 1946 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on
Labor and Public Welfare

February 25, 1949

Mr. George Schermer, Chairman
Michigan Committee on Civil Rights
905 Washington Blvd. Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schermer:

I have received your communication with reference to the F.E.P.C. Ihave received so many similar letters from persons interested inthis matter that I find it impossible to write a personal reply to each correspondent as I usually do. I hope, therefore, that you will excuse the use of this form letter.

I am enclosing herewith a statement that I made with reference t to this matter so that you may have my position at this time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ET/js

Three years ago, I introduced a bill to establish a Fair Employment Practice Commission to aid in eliminating discrimination in employment because of race, creed, or color.

The bill authorised the Commission to make comprehensive studies in each district to determine how discrimination in that district on the grounds of race, creed, or color could best be eliminated and full employment provided for Negroes and all other minority groups. The Commission was given full power to inquire into specific cases of discrimination, make recommendations and take every step to secure community interest and cooperation and voluntary compliance by employers and labor unions.

I believe very strongly, however, that this work must be done on a voluntary basis through education and not by compulsory federal action which, I think, in the end will do more harm than good to the Negro race. The proponents of the present F.E.P.C. bill, which proceeds on a compulsory basis, have known my position during these three years. I, therefore, voted against a favorable recommendation of the present bill.

I have told the advocates of the legislation, however, that I think they are entitled to a complete consideration of this important measure by the Senate, and I have, therefore, voted to report the bill without recommendation. I have not attempted to complicate their problem by offering my own bill which, I think, is the proper method to secure equality of opportunity and equality of employment for the colored race and other minorities who may suffer discrimination.

July 8, 1949

Mr. Boris Shishkin
American Federation of Labor
A.F.of L. Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Boris:

Just a word of commendation and to congratulate you upon yo
appointment as International Representative of the A.F.of L.
No one is better fitted for this place than you to safeguard and promote the interests of the workers of America.

We will greatly miss you on the committees of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, but you will be laboring in a wider and bigger vineyard for the cause of peace.

Cordially yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

Copy to:

Mr. Dore Schary, $100
Mr. Joseph R. Vogel, $25
Mr. Maurice Kann, $25
Mr. Leo Spitz, $200
Mr. George P. Skouras, $100
Mr. William Goetz, $50

- 217 W. 125 St.
New York, N.Y.

November 5, 1948

Mr. Spyros P. Skouras
Twentieth Century
Fox Film Corporation
444 West 56 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Skouras:

In the name of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your interest and fine spirit of cooperation manifested in your contribution of $100 to the movement which is leading the fight to secure the enactment of the fair employment practice legislation in the 81st Congress.

May I say that Mr. Quigley of the Quigley Publishing Company, Inc., Rockefeller Center, New York City because of his interest in the movement for fair employment practice legislation, has used his good offices and influence in enlisting distinguished businessmen in the motion picture industry to give their moral and financial cooperation to our movement which, may I say, is thoroughly American, seeking to uphold and maintain our democratic traditions, and is free from any Communist influences or connections.

Very sincerely yours,

APR:hd

A. Philip Randolph
Co-Chairman

c- Mr Henderson ✓
Mr Randolph
RS for Mrs Mitchell

—— 16
274 Madison Avenue

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Mr Ignatius D Taubeneck, Conductor
Bronxville Community Forum
Bronxville, N Y

My dear Mr Taubeneck:

I note that Representative Gwinn is to appear at the Community Forum on the evening of March 15th, and will be prepared to answer questions.

I herewith submit a question that I should like to have you present for Mr Gwinn's reply:

> ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST THE IVES-FULTON F.E.P.C. BILL?

As you undoubtedly know, this bill is one of three civil liberty bills now pending, the other two being the anti-lynching bill and the bill to outlaw the poll tax.

When I last discussed the Ives-Fulton bill with Congressman Gwinn, he was unwilling to take a position for or against.

I think his constituents, of whom I am one, are entitled to know where he stands on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Roderick Stephens
13 Cedar Lane
Bronxville 8, N Y

RS:MD

718 N.-E. 4th Street
Oklahoma City 4, Okla
Jan 22, 1948

Dear Brother Randolph,

I was talking with Mrs Carrie Edwards, the local F.E.P.C treasurer recently, and she is very anxious to get rid of the the money she has here for that purpose. She says there is about ($500.) five hundred dollars in the bank.

Mrs Edwards says if you will write her direct, asking her for the money, or telling her just where to send it, she will call a meeting and vote it out regardless of the president.

Mrs Edward's address is.
Mrs Edwards
300 N.-E. 2nd Street.
Okla City 4, Okla

Mr Ragland is interested now in politics and it is impossiable to get anything, other than politics out of him right now.

Fraternally,

A. Stewart.

NC-FEPC
Okla Council

January 27, 1948

Mrs. A. Stewart
718 N. E. 4th Street
Oklahoma City 4, Okla.

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of January 22nd suggesting that I write Mrs. Carrie Edwards of the Local FEPC in Oklahoma City for the funds she has on hand amounting to around five hundred dollars. I certainly appreciate this suggestion for we are greatly in need of money to carry on the fight for FEPC.

Our Bill comes out of the Committee for Labor and Public Welfare sometime this week or next and then we will have the problem of overcoming the filibuster which Southern senators will wage against our Bill. To defeat this filibuster will require all the funds we have. This will mean money.

Kindly remember me to Joe and all the brothers and sisters. Brother Webster and myself may visit you sometime in April.

Fraternally yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
International President

xc FEPC
Executive Bd

February 3, 1948

Hon. Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

In the name of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, I want to congratulate you upon your courageous and farreaching and constructive message to Congress recommending comprehensive civil rights legislation in the interest of all minorities regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

This action of yours will not only give strength and force to democracy at home, but integrity, reality and power to our foreign policy.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:BB

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WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC=

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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CHAS. L. WATKINS
PARLIAMENTARIAN

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 13, 1948.

Mr. Arnold Aronson,
National Community Relations Advisory Council,
295 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear sir:

Your letter of November 4, concerning proceedings in the Senate in connection with the motion of Senator Wherry, of Nebraska, to take up H. R. 29, the so-called anti-poll-tax bill, has been received by me after an absence from the city.

The situation with respect to the matter is as follows: A motion to take up a bill during the morning hour, which comprises the first two hours of the session following an adjournment of the Senate, as distinguished from a recess, is not debatable. After that period it is debatable, and when the Senate recesses at the conclusion of its day's business, the legislative day is continued, and there is no morning hour on the following day.

The particular legislative day began on July 28, and on that day the Senate took a recess, with Senate bill 2644, a civil transport aircraft development bill, pending as unfinished business. On July 29 Senator Wherry made his motion to take up H. R. 29, which was debatable. Following an adjournment, the unfinished business of the previous day is not laid before the Senate until 2 o'clock, the expiration of the morning hour. Any bill taken up in the meantime on motion (which is not debatable) would continue before the Senate until 2 o'clock only, when it would be superseded by the unfinished business. In other words, unfinished business is not displaced by a bill taken up in the morning hour.

A motion to take up a bill pending before the Senate at the time of an adjournment dies with such adjournment. So when the Senate adjourned on August 4, having recessed daily in the meantime, Senator Wherry's motion to take up H. R. 29 died, and all proceedings incident thereto, including the appeal from the ruling of the Presiding Officer, died with it.

Very truly yours,

Chas L Watkins

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ALBERT J. WEISS, *Executive Director*

March 25, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Randolph:

It is with a feeling of considerable humility that I write to thank you for your major contribution to the success of our "FEPC in '48" Dinner on March 10. I particularly appreciated your willingness to set aside considerations of your own health to help us in putting the dinner over. You will be interested to learn that we netted about $2300 from the dinner almost all of which I have already forwarded to Mr. Arnold Aronson in New York. I am of course disappointed that our objective of $3500 was not reached but I am happy that a substantial sum of money was made available to the National Council to carry on its desperately and urgently necessary work. Beyond the money there were of course many benefits derived from the dinner in the form of reawakened interest in support of this legislation. The fruits of this interest are finding daily expression amongst the individuals and organizations in Chicago.

You will be interested to know that the Chicago Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, despite their own problems in promoting their April rally for FEPC at very short notice agreed to participate in the promotion of the dinner and raised $150 through which they purchased six places at the dinner. It was indeed kind of them to set their own program aside temporarily to support the success of our dinner and I wanted you to know how much we appreciated their efforts.

FEPC has always meant A. Philip Randolph to the millions of people in our country who believe in this cause. May I on their behalf extend to you our gratitude for your major contribution to the passage of this legislation.

Cordially yours,

Albert J. Weiss

ALBERT J. WEISS
Executive Director

AJW:cc

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NC FEPC
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May 20, 1945

Mr. Albert J. Weiss
Executive Director
Bureau on Jewish Employment Problems
130 N. Wells Street
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Just a word to congratulate you on the great job you did on the dinner in Chicago. I want you to know that I appreciated it from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

No reply
Cleveland
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March 25, 1948

Mr. C. S. Wells, President
Cleveland Division-BSCP
706 Pleasant Street
Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear C. S.

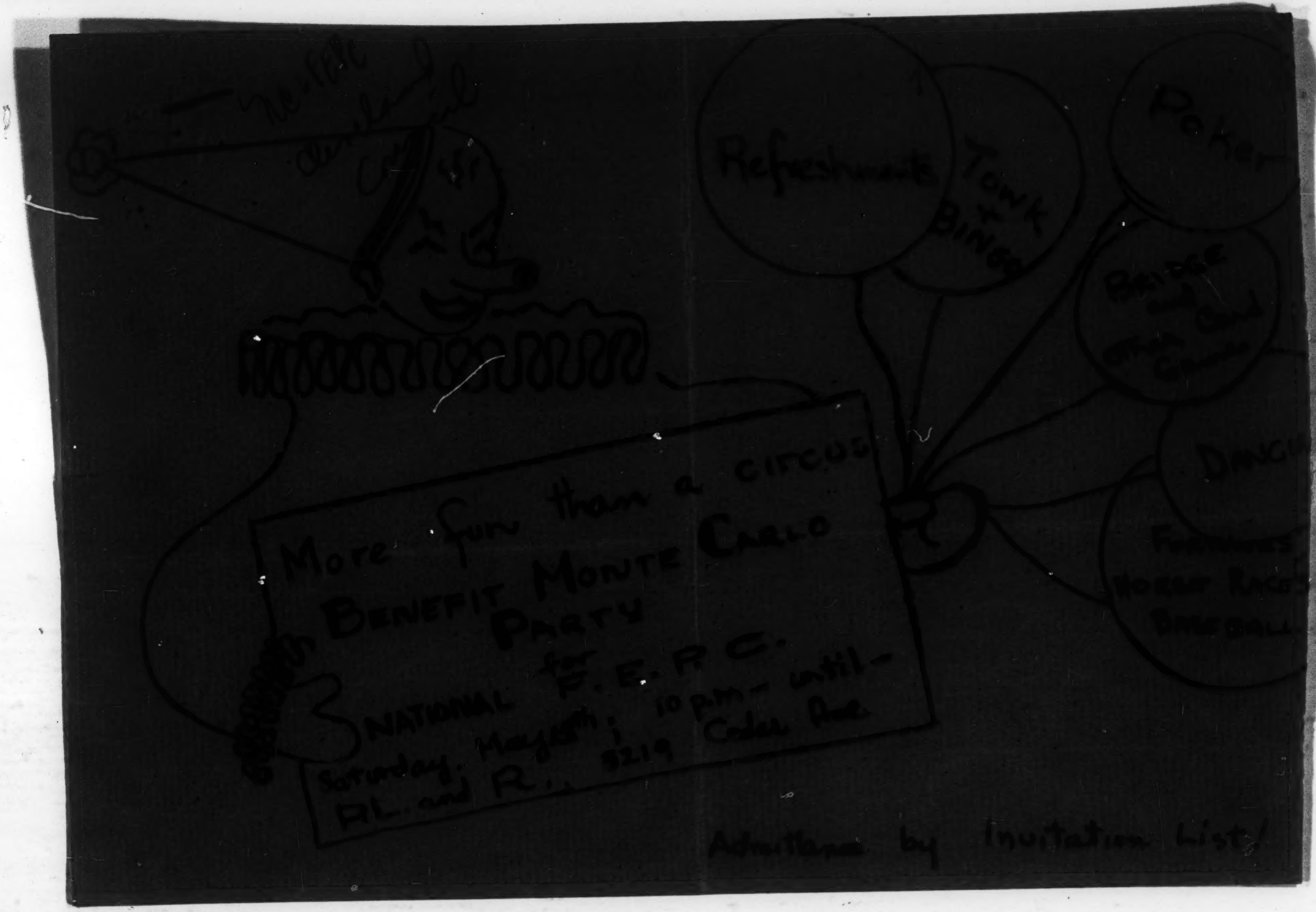
I am glad to get your letter of the 18th and also very glad to hear you are feeling better. I am sure the trip to Hot Springs will help you. You need the rest. You mentioned in closing a check but no check was enclosed. I wanted you to know this. Perhaps you failed to include it.

I am glad you wrote Louise Pringel expressing appreciation for her cooperation. I have written her also. I also wrote Jean Morrell Capers and Florine expressing appreciation for their help.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hs

A. Philip Randolph
International President



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4TH INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT
1716 SEVENTH STREET
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

August 12, 1948

Dear Bro. Randolph:

Yours of July 29th was received, also copy of communication addressed to you from Roy Wilkins. In reply to your request permit me to report that on August 3rd, a committee meeting of the Cleveland counsil of F.E.P.C. was held.

The matter contained in your letter was discussed and acted upon. A formal report will be forth-coming. The summary is as follows:
Since you were here last a dinner was held by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce (Colored) at ten dollars a plate. A deficit was experenced, however a complete report from that body or group has not of this date been submitted. Request has been made for same.

Later a Monte Carlo Party was held by another group for benefit of F.E.P.C. A summerized report has not been made, but there was only a small profit realized. The sum mentioned sent to F.E.P.C. headquaters was a result of the above mentioned affair, however this group was fininanced by the Cleveland counsil and the money should have been returned to the Cleveland counsil before being forwarded to National Head quarters. All this will be reported in the secretary's report to national headqueterers on our local transaction. I am not running to New York at present and that is why I haven't stopped in to discuss this and other matters with you.
Will keep you posted on whatever develops.

Fraternally,

CSWells
C. S. Wells

NC FEPC
Cleveland Council

August 27, 1946

Mr. C. A. Wells, President
Cleveland Division-BSCP
[illegible] East Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Wells:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of August 15th informing me of the fact that you had taken up my communication with the Cleveland Council for FEPC. I note what you say about the dinner held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the results there from.

You are quite right that any funds furnished by the Cleveland Council should be returned to the Council first before any of it is sent to the National Council or used for any other purpose.

I am glad to know that the Council plans to make a report to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC in Washington.

I want to congratulate and express my personal thanks to the Cleveland Council on the fine, consistent and continuous job it has done in behalf and for the cause of FEPC. We don't have many local councils anywhere in the country which has continued to function as the Cleveland Council has. For this I am particularly appreciative.

Fraternally yours,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

NC FEPC
Jacksonville

January 7, 1948

Miss Eartha M. White
Clara White Mission
613 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Fla.

My dear Friend:

Just a word of remembrance and to wish for you a happy, prosperous and enjoyable new year. I know you will be happy during this new year because you are rendering a Christ-like and fundamental service to the masses of our group. Nothing is finer than this.

I hope that the Local Council for a Permanent FEPC in Jacksonville is moving forward in its campaign to raise funds for the enactment of the FEPC Bill in the 80th Congress. I know you will do your utmost to make the campaign a success. Kindly remember me to all the friends working for this cause.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

FEPC

C O P Y

27th
February
1948

Dear Phil and Allan;

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 19th enclosing copy of letter to Senators asking that priority be given to S.984, the Ives-Chavez bill against racial and religious discrimination in employment, above anti-poll tax, anti-lynching or other legislation now pending or to be introduced in the Congress dealing with the problems included in the Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and in the message of the President to the Congress on that subject delivered February 2nd.

It is our measured opinion that the writing of this letter is a most serious mistake. We understand and share your enthusiasm for the FEPC as has been manifested by the support of the NAACP of the FEPC since its inception. But to single out any one measure, however important, plays the game of the politicians of both the Republican and Democratic parties who seek to gain the favor of minority voters, particularly the Negro, at minimum expense to their own political fortunes.

Despite its record of more than a quarter of a century in support of anti-lynching legislation, the NAACP has abstemiously refrained from asking priority for that legislation. On the contrary, in the testimony which I presented on behalf of the NAACP to both Senate and House Judiciary Committees we vigorously urged that all this legislation be enacted into law since to enact a part of it is equivalent to a surgeon removing a segment of a cancerous growth from a patient and then declaring the patient to be well.

A very large number of Congressmen, Senators and political leaders of both parties would be delighted to support one part of the broad program at the request of minority voters, ignoring the rest of the program and then claiming political support in next November's election on the ground that "we did what you asked us to do".

We think there is another very serious mistake in strategy by the writing of this letter. There will be introduced in the Congress very shortly an omnibus bill covering all the points in the President's message of February 2nd. To send, just prior to the introduction of that bill which as you know will be most bitterly attacked by both the Southerners and by reactionary Republicans, such a letter may be the handle to the weapon of enemies of minorities by which they hope to sabotage all civil rights legislation. In addition it can only create division in the ranks of those who want something done about the basic issue of mistreatment of minorities by selecting one segment of the issue to the exclusion of other important phases.

I personally feel that a serious mistake in strategy has been made for which I wish, both as Secretary of the NAACP and personally as a member of the Strategy Committee of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, to disassociate myself.

Ever sincerely

White

Secretary

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers
Co-Chairmen, National Council
for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street NW
Washington 4, D. C.

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NC FEPC
Exec Bd

March 25, 1949

Mr. Walter White
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Walter:

Thanks a lot for your letter of February 27th concerning a civil rights program for FEPC. At some time that is mutually convenient I would like to have a chat with you about it.

Sincerely yours,

APR:hm

A. Philip Randolph
International President

National Council

for a **Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee**

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July 2, 1948

Dear Phillip:

I am enclosing copy of self-explanatory letter to Mr. Elmer Henderson.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy

ROY WILKINS, Chairman
Executive Committee

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

RW:p

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July 2, 1948

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Dear Elmer:

When you mentioned the checks being sent up for signature, I was under the impression that your check was for the period ending June 15. As you know, when I left the city June 16 for the Annual Conference of the NAACP in Kansas City, our financial position was in a muddle. In fact, the check for $2,500 had been drawn in order to pay up the lease on the space at 53 West 60th Street. There was very little, if any, balance in the bank. Under the circumstances, I simply took it for granted that some of the salaries would remain unpaid for a period of time.

As for your own salary, you were present in the meeting of the committee early in June. It was definitely agreed that your pay would cease on June 15. In fact, you not only heard this decision and agreed to it, but you participated in it to the extent of suggesting that Milo Manly be continued on the payroll for a longer period and not give such a short notice. That was agreed to in the committee meeting.

Therefore, you can understand my surprise in checking with Colonel Schiffelin to find that the check submitted by you for yourself was for pay for the period ending June 30.

In view of the clear understanding at the committee meeting prior to June 15, with both you and Milo Manly present, I am sure you can understand we must abide by that decision and therefore your check cannot go to you.

We are allowing, of course, the expenses for traveling and maintenance for the trips you took outside of Washington after June 15.

Very sincerely yours,

ROY WILKINS, Chairman
Executive Committee

Mr. Elmer Henderson
National Council for a
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July
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1948

Dear Philip:

I am enclosing copy of a memorandum received from Milo Manly with an attached invitation showing that some groups in Cleveland, Ohio, are raising money for the National FEPC.

Mr. Manly told me about these groups sometime ago and stated that it was the opinion of Cleveland people that quite a substantial amount had been raised at these parties over a period of months. We have received to date only $100 from them.

It is my understanding that this group is not the big Council in Cleveland, but a smaller group which seems to have received its inspiration sometime ago directly from you.

If you know any of these people whom you can tell about our desperate financial situation perhaps they will send along some of the money they have raised, or will raise some more money and send it in. I do not know what has become of the money but I know no accounting has been made and only $100 has been sent to us.

Very sincerely yours,

ROY WILKINS, Chairman
Executive Committee

P.S. I talked with Miss Hopson today and she said the manager of the building down there told her they did not have any smaller or cheaper space in the building. He suggested that we keep the same space at the rate of $90 a month. We are now paying $111. She told him she did not know whether that would meet with our approval or not because she understood we were looking for something much cheaper than that. It is my feeling that if we can get the same space for, say, $75 a month we ought to keep it. What do you think?—RW

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

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Dear [illegible]:

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I agree with you that if we can keep the space for that office we have for only $10 a month, we ought to do so.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

APR:[illegible]

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October 28, 1948

Mr. Paul Douglas
[illegible] S. Blackstone Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Thank you very much for returning the questionnaire on FEPC and for your answers to the questions. We felt certain in advance, from your long record on these matters that your answers would be as they are.

We thought you would be interested in the attached release which has been sent to Illinois FEPC Councils and the three Chicago dailies, and telegraphed to the Chicago Defender to appear in its city edition October 29.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
Chairman, Executive Committee

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National Council for a Permanent FEPC
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FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE

New York, October 28--Senator C. Wayland Brooks, (R., Ill.) failed to answer a questionnaire on a proposed fair employment practice law, it was charged here today by A. Philip Randolph, chairman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. Randolph announced that Paul Douglas, Democratic candidate for the Senate, had answered all four questions in full support of FEPC legislation and of anti-filibuster proposals.

Candidates were asked, said Randolph, whether they would support an FEPC bill with enforcement powers, vote for cloture to break a filibuster, and support changes in Senate rules to permit more effective application of the cloture rule.

Stating that the Republicans had pledged to make the change in rules the first order of business next January, Randolph declared:

"The silence of Senator Brooks on this question of major importance to millions of voters is particularly ominous in view of the fact that his re-election would continue him as chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, to which this question will be referred."

Randolph said the replies of Senator Brooks and Paul Douglas had been sent to Illinois FEPC councils throughout the state.

October 28, 1948

Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman
Temple Emanuel
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Rabbi Goodman:

In advance of the election on Tuesday next, we thought you would like to know that George A. Wilson, who is a candidate for the United States Senate has failed to reply to our original inquiry or our follow-up letter in regard to FEPC. In contrast Guy M. Gillette has answered all four questions in support of FEPC.

Please notify the members of your congregation and your local council.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
Chairman, Executive Committee

RW/K

October 28, 1948

Rev. Grant A. Butler
Des Moines Council for a Permanent FEPC
[illegible] Woodland
Des Moines, Iowa

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Please notify the members of your congregation and your local council.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
Chairman, Executive Committee

RW/K

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October 28, 1948

Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mayor Humphrey:

Thank you very much for returning the questionnaire on FEPC and for your answers to the questions. We felt certain in advance, from your long record on these matters that your answers would be as they are.

We thought you would be interested in the attached release which has been sent to Minneapolis FEPC Councils and four of the Minneapolis dailies, and telegraphed to the Chicago Defender to appear in its city edition October 29.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
Chairman, Executive Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE

New York, October 28--In a letter to Minnesota affiliates of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, A. Philip Randolph, chairman, declared, "In contrast to forthright support of fair employment practice legislation by Mayor Hubert Humphrey, the Democratic candidate for the Senate, no reply whatsoever has been received from Senator Joseph H. Ball, either to the original inquiry, or to a follow-up letter."

Candidates for the Senate were asked, said Randolph, whether they would support an FEPC bill with enforcement powers, vote for cloture to break a filibuster, and support changes in Senate rules to permit more effective application of the cloture rule.

"The line between the two candidates is sharply drawn for Minnesota voters," said Randolph. "The leadership Mayor Humphrey gave the civil rights fight in the Philadelphia convention, his testimony before a Senate committee in favor of FEPC legislation, and his answers to the questionnaire indicate clearly what he would do if elected. Senator Ball has made his opposition plain by his vote in the 80th Congress opposing the favorable report of the pending FEPC bill, and by his failure to answer our questionnaire."

NC FEPC
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November
18th
1948

Dear Chairman McGrath:

The National Council for a Permanent FEPC has been, as you may perhaps know, the principal organization seeking the enactment of fair employment practice legislation by the Congress. On the Board of Directors of this organization will be found representatives of the great organized labor bodies, church, fraternal, civic and other groups.

We would like very much to have a conference with you after December 1, at such time as will suit your convenience, for the purpose of discussing briefly the effort which we expect to make in the 81st Congress. The delegation will not be a large one, but may number as many as five or six persons.

Will you be good enough to write me suggesting some date after December 1 when you will be available for this conference? We will appreciate this courtesy.

Very sincerely yours,

ROY WILKINS, Chairman
Executive Committee

Hon. J. Howard McGrath, Chairman
Democratic National Committee
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

RW:HLJ

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Dear Arnold:

The attached copy of my reply to Mr. Gerber of Seattle is self-explanatory.

If you have any additional last minute suggestions for him you might perhaps get off an airmail letter to reach him before December 1. I tried to think of everything but easily could have missed.

Sincerely,

Roy W

ROY WILKINS.

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Room 4107
295 Madison Avenue
New York City

Attachment
RW:ELJ

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Pass Senate Bill 984 and House Bill 2824

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November
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AIRMAIL

Dear Mr. Gerber:

Thank you for your letter of November 18 about FEPC. At the moment I can tell you only one or two definite things, but specific information on procedure and strategy will have to wait until we are able to hold a couple of meetings during December. The definite information is:

(1) The National Council for a Permanent FEPC will continue to function as it has in the past with an office in Washington at the address on this stationery. Mr. Henderson resigned to accept another position but we expect to engage another person to handle administrative details in the Washington office.

(2) A bill will be introduced in the next Congress, as early in the session as possible, under bi-partisan sponsorship. The bill will be very similar to the bill introduced in the last Congress, and more than likely will be the identical bill. At any rate, there will be no major changes in it.

(3) We have asked for a conference with Senator J. Howard McGrath, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, for the first week in December in order to get a line on the political atmosphere we may expect. As soon as we receive an appointment with Senator McGrath we intend to hold, along with it, a meeting of the Board and various committee members of the National Council in Washington to take up such matters as the text of the bill and the persons who should be invited to sponsor it. We hope that this will not be a long process but there is always the possibility that persons

who are invited to sponsor legislation may want to suggest some minor changes in the text. Therefore the discussion of the text and the securing of sponsors will have to go hand-in-hand. It will have to be a joint operation. Our hope is that we will be able to clarify these points before Christmas so that the bill can be introduced very early in January.

In the meantime, the usual activity of setting up groups and inducing them to lobby with their Congressmen and Senators on this legislation, and to raise funds to carry on the campaign is very necessary.

I see nothing wrong with your going ahead with setting up groups in the areas that you expect to touch in your trip. If you consider formal authorization necessary, this letter will serve as such since Mr. Arnold Aronson and I, as secretary and chairman respectively of the executive committee of the national council, are in charge of operations during this interim period.

Our principal difficulty at the moment is that our funds are barely sufficient to keep our office open and the salary of an office manager paid. We have no new, fresh literature available, but we are able to maintain contact by letter with our local councils and other interested persons. We did some business by mail prior to election, securing commitments from candidates, etc.

The groups you set up should be instructed to send a notice of their organization and the names and addresses of their officers to the National Council office in Washington so that they can be placed on the mailing list for information, releases, etc. In the meantime I am asking our Washington office to send you the names and addresses of our groups or interested individuals in the Western states.

I do not need to tell you how much we appreciate your offer of assistance in the task of activating groups in your section of the country which is difficult and expensive for us to reach. Letters to our Washington office on purely routine matters will be handled in due course, but I would be pleased if you would write me here at the NAACP on any matters which you feel should receive our considered or immediate attention. I get down to Washington occasionally, but I can always be reached here. Mr. Aronson is only three blocks from me and we can work very closely on any suggestions you may make about the Far West. Please feel free to write us your frank appraisal of the situation at any time and to offer us your suggestions.

Very sincerely yours,

ROY WILKINS, Chairman
Executive Committee

Mr. Sidney Gerber
Anderson & Thompson Ski Co.
1101 East Spring Street
Seattle 22, Wash.

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REV JOHN W WILLIAMS CHAIRMAN.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Re FEPC
Kansas City Council

January 27, 1946

Rev. John W. Williams
2600 Tracey
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Rev. Williams:

Just a word of remembrance and to hope that the plans for giving a luncheon or dinner on the 16th or 17th are moving promisingly forward. I would suggest that only persons be invited to the dinner who represent organizations and who themselves have money and may contribute financially to FEPC.

Of course, if the Council expects to make any money out of the sale of the dinners, that is another matter. In that case, the more the better. But, if no money can be made out of the sale of the dinners, then I would suggest that persons be invited who may be able to give or who represent organizations that may give.

What date was selected for the luncheon or dinner, the 16th or 17th?

I am looking forward with pleasure to being with you again. Permit me to express my great appreciation for the great work you are doing for FEPC.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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THE DINNER MEETING IS PROGRESSING VERY NICELY IT WILL BE HELD AT THE PASEO BAPTIST CHURCH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH 7:30PM PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE=

REV JOHN W WILLIAMS.

.17 7:30PM.

THIS COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

419 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona
January 25, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Upon my return from Los Angeles, directly after talking with you concerning the progress of our Local Council, for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, I contacted Mr. Creed Taylor, Local Chairman, and delivered your message concerning the joining Fee. He did not agree. He wanted to continue to have the Fee and accept donations. However, he agreed to have the Finance Committee meet and discuss the matter. The Committee met at the Office of Dr. Floyd Thompson, committee Chairman. The Finance Committee consists of Dr. Floyd Thompson, Mr. Louis Washington and myself.Our Local Chairman was also present.

I delivered your message concerning the Joining Fee. Our Local Chairman assisted by Mr. Washington put up a very strong argument in favor of the Fee. Both of them seemed to be more interested in the drives being put on by the N.A.A.C.P. and other organizations than they were FEPC. The Chairman reninded me that the Urban League wanted to sponsor the Bill here in Tucson. There was no vote taken to decide the issue.

A few days later I had a conference with Mr. Chainey, and he ageeed with you on the matter. We looked forward to a report from the Finance Committee at our next meeting. The Chairman did not call for a report from the Committee. Taking note of this Mr. Chainey brought the matter up for discussion. The Chairman without waiting to see what the members of the assembly had to say about the matter, began to give his version. I explained the matter to the assembly, but the Chairman and Mr. Washington did most of the talking, and it did not come to a vote. It is plain to see that unless something is done, our Chairman is going to dominate our meetings During the discussion, Mr. Washington wanted to know what the Brotherhood men here were going to contribute to the Local Council.

I was out of town for the next meeting which was held on December 18th. However, Brother Sutton Haynes attended and brought back a report. It seems that our Chairman is under the impression that if and when the Bill is passed the Local Councils throughout the nation will be disbanded.

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January 25, 1948
FEPC.

The first Sunday in this month, January 4th, was set aside by all Negro Churches as FEPC day. A special table was set aside for contributions. Brother Haynes was assisting with the collections at the Church of God in Christ. A member from other organizations interested in FEPC assisted at other Churches. I hav received the donations from nearly all of the Churches.

On Friday night January 9th, the members of each organization chose a member to be a committeeman to meet with Mr. Harless, Congressman of Arirona. The meeting was held at the home of the Chairman. It was well attended. Congressman Harless spoke very favorable of the Bill. He stated that he had no doubt that it would pass through Congress, but would run into difficulty in the Senate, on account of the Southerners filibustering. He advised us to ask our senators to vote for cloture, when we write our letters asking them to vote for the Bill.

We will forward the moneys collected sometime this week. I am waiting for the money collected by our Chairman. I will keep you informed of any further developements. We are looking forward to see you in Tucson again in the near future. I only hope that our program will be planned much better. We expect Brother Dellums to pay us a visit soon, now that he has found out that Tucson is not such a hick town. We are having beautiful weather here as usual. The Sun is shining just as bright as it was when you were here. Plah to spend more time next time.

Fraternally yours

EAWoods.
E. A. Woods, Secretary-Treasurer
Tucson Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

cc Mr. C. L. Dellums, Zone Supervisor

NC FEPC
Tucson Council

February 5, 1948

Mr. E. A. Woods
Secretary-Treasurer
Tucson Division-BSCP
419 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Brother Woods:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of January 28th informing me of the activities of the Tucson Council for a Permanent FEPC in its efforts to raise funds for the fight to secure the enactment of bills in Congress for a fair employment practice commission. I am glad to know that the Council is active. It is also encouraging to know that some funds are being collected.

We expect the bill to be reported out of the Committee of Public Welfare and Labor next week. The next step then is for the bill to be placed on the calendar of the Senate, and from there it goes to the floor for a vote. When that happens the filibuster will break loose. In order to break the filibuster we must mobilize all of our forces throughout the nation to carry on an extensive campaign. This will cost money. That is why we need the support of all the groups throughout the country financially.

I am glad to know that the Congressman from your district is favorable to the FEPC bill. He is correct in advising that you contact your senators from Arizona and advise them to vote for cloture. A bitter fight is ahead and if we work hard we can win. Kindly remember me to the wife and Ernestine and all the brothers and sisters.

Fraternally yours,

APR:hd

A. Philip Randolph
International President

419 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona
February 10, 1948

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President, BSCP
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 3rd, and it will serve its purpose at our Brotherhood Meeting next week.

I had a conference with Brother Dellums, while he was in Los Angeles. He advised me on some very important phases of this fight for a Permanent FEPC.

I mailed our contribution to the National Council today. You will find enclosed a copy of the letter and report.

My wife is improving very slowly. Ernestine is still in school and very busy. Both send their regards to you.

Fraternally yours

EAWoods.

E. A. Woods, Secretary-Treasurer
Tucson Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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419 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona
February 15, 1946

National Council for a Permanent FEPC
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

You will find enclosed six (6) checks, for a total of Two hundred-sixty six Dollars ($266.00), which is our contribution to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, to assist in its fight for the enactment of the bills now in Congress.

We, the members of the Tucson Council for a Permanent FEPC, appreciate your efforts toward the enactment of this Commission, which has been long overdue.

We are contacting our Senators, asking them to vote for cloture as well as for the bills to outlaw job discrimination.

Respectfully submitted

E. A. Woods

E. A. Woods, Local Treasurer
Tucson Branch
National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

TUCSON BRANCH
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC
FEBRUARY 10, 1948
REPORT.

COLLECTIONS

Check	$	40.00
"		31.75
"		25.00
"		20.00
"		7.50
Cash Donations		144.15
Total Collections	$	268.40

DISBURSEMENTS

To National Council	$	266.00
Postage, Stationery etc.		2.40
Total Disburements	$	268.40

Ballance in Local Treasury ---------------$ None

Respectfully submitted

E. A. Woods, Treasurer
Tucson Branch
National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

cc FEPC
Tucson Council

March 11, 19[illegible]

Mr. E. A. [illegible], Secretary-Treasurer
Tucson [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] Car Porters
[illegible] East [illegible] Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Brother [illegible]:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February [illegible] informing us that you have [illegible] the [illegible] Council for a Permanent FEPC [illegible] Council. I wish to congratulate the Council upon [illegible]. [illegible] FEPC bill [illegible]. I am proud of the work of the Tucson Council.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

APR:[illegible]

Hot Springs Ark
3/18/48

Mr A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Dear Bro Randolph

Just a word to say that I enjoyed your stay while in Cleveland, and every one was raving over your address at the Forum. You have rendered a famous service on that occasion. I was in a rather bad condition after you left and so I came down here Saturday. Had a meeting scheduled for today, but could not stay to take part in it. The enclosed check came in after your departure so as it was intended for that occasion I am, therefore enclosing it direct to you.

I am somewhat improved at
this writing and do hope you are
O.K. yourself. I called Louise
and thanked her for her fine
service and cooperation, with
kindness. I do hope you will
find it possible to return to
Cleveland again this year.
Please keep me posted how you
wish me to procede and I
shall be glad to attend to same.
with fondest personal regard I
remain, Very truly yours

C.A. Wells.

706 Pleasant St
Hot Springs Ark

P.S. will be here until
Mar 30.